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Blanket court ban will halt spy reporting

Row breaks over bar on BBC radio revelations

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent

Government lawyers won an order in the High Court yesterday which effectively imposes a blanket ban on reporting of the security services.

The injunction goes far wider than any of the bans imposed in connection with press reporting of *Spycatcher*, the memoirs of the former MI5 officer, Mr Peter Wright.

Yesterday's ban was obtained by lawyers for the Attorney-General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, in connection with a BBC radio series, *My Country Right or Wrong*, which was to be broadcast today.

The injunction was obtained at a private half-hour hearing from Mr Justice Henry, at which BBC lawyers were present. It effectively binds not just the BBC but all the press after a ruling in one of the *Spycatcher* sets of proceedings last year, in which the courts held that an injunction against one newspaper binds all others.

A newspaper diary item yesterday alerted Government lawyers to the extent of the contents of the three-part series which includes material from former and present security service members, and a current employee at GCHQ, Cheltenham, and contains interviews with two former Home Secretaries and Lord Hailsham, the former Lord Chancellor.

Government lawyers approached the BBC for transcripts but were refused, an official in the Attorney-General's chambers said last night. "We had no alternative but to resort to the court. We don't know what is in this programme. For all we know, there may be nothing in it at all, but until we see the transcripts we cannot assume that they contain nothing at all." The injunction restrains the BBC from broadcasting *My Country Right or Wrong*, and "from broadcasting any interviews or information derived from current or former members of security and intelligence services in the United Kingdom relating to any aspect of the work of the said servicess, including their identity as current or former members."

Mr John Birt, the BBC director-general, said last night: *"This is a Draconian* injunction. It stops the BBC broadcasting all information, of whatever kind about the security services, from current or former members. In particular, it stops us broadcasting a series of programmes which is a responsible examination of the role and accountability of the secret services in a democracy.

"The process of making the programmes was open. The existence and purpose of the programmes was widely known in Government, including the security services. Indeed, the secretary of the D-notice committee agreed to be interviewed for the series only yesterday.

"The BBC will fight the action," he said.

Labour MPs last night vented their anger over the injunction, demanding an early explanation in the Commons by Sir Patrick about what was denounced as "a hole-in-the-corner act of suppression".

The Shadow Attorney-General, Mr John Morris, said this latest move demonstrated that Britain was "rapidly becoming a police state".

Pub bomb hearing programme ban

Channel 4 was banned from broadcasting a £300,000 re-enactment of the Birmingham pub bombings appeal last night after a last-minute intervention by Sir Patrick (Richard Evans writes).

He successfully sought an *injunction to stop the screening of Court Report: The Birmingham Six* "in pursuance of his duty to protect the effectiveness of the judicial system by the law of contempt".

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, who is hearing the pub-bombings appeal with two other judges at the Old Bailey, said that if the 90-minute programme went on the air it was likely to undermine public confidence.

But the injunction did not prevent RTE, the Irish state broadcasting company which helped finance the courtroom episode, from screening a large part of the programme in the Republic of Ireland last night. "We will be showing it," a spokesman confirmed last night.

The RTE decision was made despite a formal request from Channel 4 not to go-ahead with the programme following the court ruling. Channel 4 had supplied RTE *with most of the programme* before yesterday's legal proceedings, but has witheld the final section following the Attorney-General's injunction.

The ban on Channel 4 was immediately attacked by the lawyer who has been helping to write the programme script from daily transcripts

Mr Ole Hansen said: "I don't understand how this can interfere with the course of justice. What we are trying to show people is what goes on in court by producing a fair, balanced and accurate report."

Channel 4 was last night considering appealing against the ban. "We are disappointed at the judge's decision," a spokesman said.

Lord Lane said that the judges had not seen the programme but, from the information given to them, it seemed likely it would undermine public confidence. The appeal continues today.

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EEC fares deal ready for signing

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

The new deal to liberalize air travel in Europe should be signed next week. A package, including the right for airlines to offer cheap off-peak flights anywhere within the EEC at their own discretion, is ready for signature on Monday.

The deal was thrashed out last June but was delayed by Spanish objections on Gibraltar. The main points are:

- Airlines will be free to offer cheaper fares, based on time of travel, on any day of the week.
- An arbitration "court" will be set up to settle disputes over business-class fares.
- Countries may license as many airlines as they wish on routes with more than 250,000 passengers a year.
- Airlines may put on as many flights as they wish and will be able to fly from their *hub airports to any* EEC regional airports. They will be able to pick up passengers in any EEC country.
- There will be a right to combine points, for example to serve London, Lyons and Naples as one service.
- EEC *competition* rules will apply to services.

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Hanson soars

Hanson Trust yesterday changed its name to Hanson Plc, and announced that profits for the year had risen by 60 per cent to £741 million. Sales increased by 55 per cent to £6.68 billion. The final dividend is 3p .... Page 21

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Interest rate cuts fail to lift markets

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The high street banks yesterday cut base rates to their lowest level for nearly four years, as part of a Europe-wide move to reduce interest rates and steady the financial markets.

But the markets were unimpressed, and share prices ended down on the day. The FT-SE 100 index closed 1.9 points lower at 1,588.4. In afternoon trading on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 44.92 points at 1,804.05.

The leading banks, led by the Midland, cut base rates from 9 to 8.5 per cent, the lowest level since March 1984.

Further cuts and announcements of more reductions in mortgage rates are possible before Christmas. Mortgage rates are likely to show a general fall to below 10 per cent for the first time for nine years.

The dollar rose only slightly after the rate reductions, closing less than a pfennig up at DM1.6615 in London, and later slipping back to DM1.6590 in New York.

The pound dropped by just over a cent to $1.8045 at the London close.

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Archbishop maintains his dignity

Dr Robert Runcie in Southwark Cathedral yesterday (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

Habgood denounces attack

By Clifford Longley
and Ruth Gledhill

An angry denunciation of the preface to *Crockford's* directory was issued yesterday by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, as suspicion swirled round the Church of England as to the identity of the author.

The tone of the archbishop's comments suggest he may be determined to try to force an internal inquest into how the preface came to be commissioned and published.

Yesterday numerous theories surfaced as to the identity of the author, and several churchmen suggested each other, followed by general denials all round. The Archbishop of Canterbury himself was said to be confident he *knew who it was*, but the Oxford don in question indignantly denied it.

Dr Runcie yesterday consecrated Dr George Carey, principal of Trinity Theological College, Bristol, as Bishop of Bath and Wells in Southwark Cathedral.

Although the Archbishop

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Peace hopes grow after post strikes bite in key centres

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The 24-hour strikes involving nearly 6,500 postal workers in key centres in England, Scotland and Wales which disrupted millions of letters yesterday have ended — at least temporarily.

Members of the Union of Communication Workers responded to the call of their leader, Mr Alan Tuffin, to work normally as hopes rose last night for a settlement in the row over the union's demand for a three-hour cut in the working week.

Mr Tuffin and his union colleagues spent another full day at Post Office headquarters in London thrashing out detailed points, and more progress was said to have been made yesterday than on any day since the latest round of talks began a fortnight ago.

Mr Tuffin arrived for yesterday's meeting saying they were "sitting on a time bomb". *At that time, nearly* 6,500 workers in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Southend, and south-east London, plus 1,000 London van drivers, were on strike.

Mr Tuffin met Sir Bryan Nicholson, chairman of the Post Office, twice during the day and both agreed that separate talks involving the three businesses — letters, parcels and counter services — were "constructive and realistic" and enough progress had been made for the full negotiating teams from both sides to get together. It was the first time the two teams had met for negotiations round one table for over two weeks.

● The Prime Minister confirmed publicly yesterday the Government's readiness to suspend the Post Office monopoly on mail delivery if official or unofficial strikes by postal workers cause chaos in the Christmas mail (Robin Oakley, Political Editor, writes). Mrs Thatcher said that any stoppage would be "heartless" to those who wanted to make contact over the Christmas season

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B-Cal deal with SAS hanging in balance

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The future of British Caledonian hung in the balance last night as the Scandinavian airline SAS tried to convince the Government that it would not seek to take control of the Gatwick-based airline.

The outcome could be decided by the Civil Aviation Authority which will be shown a draft offer document today setting out the terms of the merger.

If they decide that British *Caledonian* will remain in British control, the offer will be put to shareholders within days. If they refer it to Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, he is almost certain to reject it.

SAS and BCAL executives argued their case with the CAA in London last night and came out "more hopeful than we were this morning."

Throughout the day their hopes had been raised and dashed as they picked their

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Iran says ties with France to be renewed

Nicosia (Reuter) — The crisis *in relations* between Iran and France is over after "secret and direct talks", Tehran Radio quoted a senior Iranian *Foreign Ministry* official as saying yesterday.

The Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Hossein Sheikholeslam, was reported as saying that three diplomats are to run an Iranian interests section under the Pakistani flag in Paris.

Pakistan agreed to represent Iranian interests in Paris after France broke diplomatic ties

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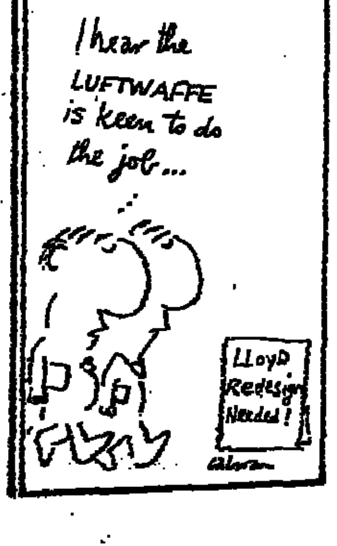
Workers seek a new look to Lloyd's of London



I hear the LUFTWAFFE is keen to do the job...
LLoyD Redesign Needed!
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By Alison Eadie and
Michael Horsnell

Lloyd's of London is to seek a designer to sort out the environmental problems of its award-winning £195 million building in the heart of the City of London after it was criticized yesterday by the people who work there.

The criticism of the working environment in the building which, at £3,000 per square metre, was three times as expensive to construct as conventional high-technology buildings, comes only two days after the Prince of Wales accused architects of causing worse damage to the London skyline than the Luftwaffe.

The "inside-out" superstructure of the building, designed by Mr Richard Rogers and likened by some to an oil refinery, last month won a Civic Trust award and on Monday took the *Financial Times* Architecture at Work award for 1987.

But according to a MORI poll commissioned by the Lloyd's council 75 per cent of the people who work there believe it a less favourable working environment than the previous building.

Main criticisms of the building, which opened for business only last year, included the speed of lifts, eating and *entertaining facilities*, ventilation and air conditioning and the lack of unity of the four principal insurance markets.

Mr Peter Miller, outgoing chairman of Lloyd's, said he did not rule out legal moves to recover some of the undisclosed redesigning costs from Mr Rogers, whose contribution to the landscape has been attacked and praised. Mr Miller said that despite the shortcomings it was an exciting building and he called Mr Rogers an architect of genius.

Part of the reason for commissioning the MORI poll was a fear among underwriters that the building's drawbacks were causing them to lose business to the Institute of London Underwriters.

The suggestions for improvement include installing a coffee house for visiting brokers and putting in closed-circuit television screens on the ground floor to allow brokers to see, without making the journey upstairs, which underwriters are at their boxes and how long the queues are.

The new designer will be appointed by early January. Mr Rogers was not available for comment last night.

British Steel is for sale after £190m profit

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government yesterday swiftly hoisted British Steel to the top of its "for sale" list after the corporation, which was losing £5 million a day only eight years ago, announced half-year profits of £190 million.

The industry, now the most profitable in Europe, is to be sold off as a single business "as soon as possible", ministers announced.

Legislation is to be introduced soon after Christmas and rushed through by the summer or autumn, making it possible for the £1,000 million privatization to be launched either late next year or early in 1989. It has quickly moved ahead of water and electricity in the Government's sell-off priorities.

Ravenscraig in Scotland, long considered to be the most vulnerable of the five main integrated plants in Britain, will be required for at least seven years, British Steel said last night.

The Cabinet, eager to capitalize on the industry's buoyant financial position, decided yesterday that it must find a slot in the already overcrowded legislative timetable for this session of Parliament.

Government business managers, relieved that they have been able to get the centrepiece education, housing and poll tax legislation into Parliament faster than at one time seemed likely, voiced confidence last night that they could meet the new demand thrust upon them.

The decision, announced in the Lords by Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and in the Commons by Mr Kenneth Clarke, his deputy, was condemned by the Opposition.

But the move was seen by MPs last night as a big boost for Lord Young, who saw the gap developing in the privatization programme and rapidly seized the opportunity to fill it.

It was seen as as sign that his relations with the Prime Minister, which suffered when he declined to take on the party chairmanship on the terms on offer, are back on an even keel.

Ministers in both Houses highlighted the BSC's commitment on Ravenscraig stating that "subject to market conditions" there would continue to be a *commercial* requirement for steel-making there for at least the next seven years.

Mr Bryan Gould, Labuor spokesman on trade and industry, said that on a day when British Steel and its workforce deserved genuine congratulations the Government had placed their future in jeopardy.

It was a success which could not have been achieved without essential investment from the public purse. It was another case of the taxpayer picking up the bill and the City picking up the profit, Mr Gould said.

In a statement echoed by other Labour MPs Mr Gould said *the commitment on* Ravenscraig was a "hollow promise" depending as it did on commercial considerations.

In the Commons Conservative MPs welcomed the announcement. Mr Clarke said the Government would consider in the sale terms whether to restrict the possibility of foreign ownership. But the idea, he said, did not instantly appeal to him.

● There were clear indications last night that the Government would like to see the BSC privatized within the next 12 months (Edward Townsend, Our Industrial Correspondent, writes).

Mr Clarke said at a press conference that it was hoped Royal Assent for the Bill turning the BSC into a private company would be possible by next July and a flotation would take place late next year or early in 1989. The Government would not be retaining a golden share.

Yesterday's statement will be seen as a clear message to other European steel producers and the European Commission in advance of next Tuesday's Council of Ministers' meeting over steel quotas, that the British Government would not approve any more steelmaking closures *although the issue of* strip mill overcapacity remains.

Mr Clarke said at next week's meeting of European ministers he would be pressing for an early end to the "production quota system" which has protected some of the less efficient steelmakers of Europe

Sir Robert Scholey, the BSC chairman, said he would like to see some quotas remain until restructuring of the European industry was completed.

There was an extremely guarded welcome among opposition parties that steel-making in some form will continue in Scotland.

They believe that the vigorous campaign waged on behalf of Ravenscraig and the Conservatives' poor standing north of the border contributed to the apparently concessionery nature of the Government announcement.

Mr Donald Dewar, Labour's spokesman on Scottish affairs, said: "The Government is running for cover and this will allow them to hand over to the private sector in the end."

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Immigration Bill angers Hattersley

Mr Roy Hattersley yesterday criticized the Government for encouraging the belief that Britain's ethnic minorities were an alien force. The deputy leader of the Labour Party accused ministers of fuelling alienation and racial tension with an Immigration Bill that led people to view ethnic minorities as a threat to well ordered society.

The Bill portrayed them as a provocation to the white community which must be forbidden from pursuing their "strange customs and anti social habits", he said. The Government should not be surprised if a small proportion of that community chose to behave like the caricature the Government invents.

The shadow Home Secretary called for an increase in police and resources aimed at improving the police service in areas where the minority communties live.

● Today's typical teenager is racist, knows little or nothing about politics and believes in obeying the law at least most of the time, according to a report published yesterday by Professor Harry McGurk of Surrey University.

Extremist dies

Mr George Seawright, the Ulster Protestant extremist shot in a taxi two weeks ago, died in hospital yesterday.

The Scots-born former politician, aged 36, had been on a life support machine in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, since he was shot in the head and neck in the Loyalist Shankill Road area of west Belfast.

Responsibility was claimed by the Irish People's Liberation Organization, a splinter group of the INLA, and is thought to have been a reprisal for murders of Roman Catholics in Belfast this year.

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Sex case charges

Seven men, including a father and son, were charged at Willesden Magistrates' Court, north-west London, yesterday in connection with Britain's alleged biggest child sex ring.

Aged from 18 to 63, they were accused of procuring young boys for gross indecency, committing indecent acts and conspiring to pervert the course of justice.

All seven were remanded in custody. Magistrates made an order banning identification of the 144 boys allegedly involved. Police have charged 10 men in connection with the case.

Tube smoke inquiry

London Fire Service was last night investigating an allegation that a train full of passengers on London Underground's Northern line was sent into a tunnel with firemen who were checking whether there was a fire. The incident happened at the Old Street station at 8.30pm on Wednesday after smoke had been reported in the northbound tunnel.

An unnamed fireman is reported to have said the train "was full of passengers and it was used to inspect the tunnel to try to locate the fire".

London Underground said that before the train went into the tunnel, a fire expert, the area manager and an engineer had travelled through in an emptied train.

Revolt on tape levy

The Government faces a revolt in the House of Lords next week over its decision not to impose a 10 per cent levy on the sale of all blank audio tapes.

Peers of all parties have tabled amendments to the Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill to legalize home taping in exchange for bringing in the levy to pay performers royalties.

The move was originally supported by the Government in its White Paper. It was dropped from the Bill when consumer groups claimed it amounted to a new tax.

Burns victim

The daughter of Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Home Office, was admitted to the burns unit of the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, on Wednesday night after being flown from Algeria with burns to 40 per cent of her body.

Miss Chelsea Renton, aged 22, tripped and fell into a camp fire while on an expedition to the Sahara to raise money for the Samaritans. She was taken 30 kilometres to a military base and flown to Gatwick in a French jet. Last night, her condition was described as stable.

Home fund launched

The Housing Finance Corporation Ltd was launched yesterday to raise private sector funding for housing associations. Mr Graham Axford, partner at James Capel and Co, sponsor of the corporation with Cipfa Services, said it hoped to raise between £250 million and £500 million next year for housing associations; he believed it could pay for 25 per cent of the housing corporation programme.

Housing associations own about 500,000 homes, funded largely by the housing corporation through government grant, with local authorities in England also able to support their work.

Steel success started by MacGregor's pruning

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Seven years ago British Steel recorded the largest loss made by a nationalized industry, £1.7 billion. It appeared to be heading for a particularly unpleasant form of oblivion, with plant closures and huge job loses in areas badly hit by industrial recession.

Its productivity record was dismal and the market for its products had shrunk.

However, Sir Ian MacGregor, brought in by the then Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Sir Keith Joseph, took out the pruning shears he later used at British Coal and started a process which will end in the industry's return to the private sector.

Although Sir Ian can rightly claim much of the credit for the structure which has evolved in the past seven years, it was his deputy and eventual successor, Sir Robert Scholey, who implemented most of the policy and who will probably be the first chairman of privatized British Steel.

In common with Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of British Gas, he will see his industry move the full circle from the private sector, through nationalization and back into the private sector.

However, the corporation still faces some clouds on the horizon in the shape of the European Community's review of production quotas. British Steel takes the view that its quotas are unfairly strict and that higher profits are needed to cover its investment programme.

That investment need is illustratated by only 65 per cent of its steel being produced by the efficient continuous casting process, compared with an European average of 85 per cent.

Its distribution network, despite the purchase of some steel stockholding companies, has gaps, especially on the European mainland, but it is one of the few integrated steelmakers producing a profit in Europe and its profit performance on a world-wide basis is near the top of the league table.

The corporation has also been helped by outside forces, although in the past it has suffered adversely from the same forces, and it has been helped in Europe because steel is priced in Deutschmarks which have risen against the pound.

It has also benefited from a drop of more than 5 per cent in the price of iron ore on the world markets and it has been helped particularly by the fall in its input energy costs of coal, oil and industrial gasses.

However, it is the size of its manpower reduction which has been most significant. The corporation has more than 50,000 workers, compared with 197,000 in 1977-78.

New productivity measurers are still being taken but there is little fat that can be trimmed, apart from closing the Ravenscraig plant in Scotland.

Sir Robert has taken a lead within Europe in arguing that overcapacity should be trimmed by some form of organized redistribution of the market rather than plant closures decided on political and geographical requirements.

He has argued constantly that the industry should be restored to full competitiveness and international viability by a successful restructuring based on markets needs.

Civil Service union rejects motion for all-out strike

By Roland Rudd

The leadership of the Civil and Public Services Association suffered a big setback yesterday when its call for an all-out strike was defeated at a special pay conference.

Moderate Civil Servants were delighted that the hard left's pay strategy was rejected. Members defeated by 69,955 to 60,041 a motion calling for an all-out strike "if early progress is not achieved in the pay negotiations".

Mr John Macreadie, deputy general secretary, and a prominant supporter of the Militant Tendency, asked delegates to "learn the lessons of the 1987 pay campaign" and support an all-out strike instead of a rolling programme of regional industrial action.

The conference delegates, however, voted for a motion calling on selective action "as a means for building towards an all-out strike".

Although the motion restricts the executive's scope, it still leaves the possibility of a strike ballot next year if pay talks are deadlocked.

Before the conference, Mr John Ellis, general secretary, said Civil Service colleagues were unlikely to support the association's pay demands because the other white-collar unions had already signed long-term pay agreements with the Treasury.

In a scathing attack on the ruling Broad Left faction, the National Moderate Group put out a leaflet condemning the "all-out strike ballot fiasco" of last year and "the Dalek-like" call for a new strike.

Mrs Kate Losinska, a veteran right-winger and senior vice-president, said the pay conference, which costs the union almost £100,000 to stage, was discredited as a "Militant rally which achieves nothing".

The union must reconcile its rejection of the hard left's pay strategy with its acceptance of the hard left's demands for a flat rate pay increase of £25 per week and a minimum wage of £134

Mr Ellis said he would continue to negotiate with the Treasury for a long-term pay settlement.

The executive refused to allow the Washington branch to propose a no-strike deal.

Delegates passed another motion reducing the union's fortnightly journal *Red Tape* to once a month.

Linley banned again

Lord Linley, son of Princess Margaret, leaving Bedfordshire Magistrates' Court yesterday after he was banned from driving for the second time. He was disqualified for five months after admitting driving at 110mph on the A1. He was banned for six months in September for a separate speeding offence. The sentences will run concurrently.

TV-am chiefs in Acas talks

By Tim Jones

The management of TV-am, which plans to defy its technicians on Monday by putting out a programme, yesterday briefed the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service on the dispute which has forced the company to broadcast mainly cartoon programmes for the past 11 days.

And today, the management of Tyne-Tees Television will meet Acas officials to give their version of a dispute which has led to the dismissal of 39 electricians.

More than 60 shop stewards, members of the Electical, Electronic Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, meeting in London today to disuss the Tyne-Tees dispute, may decide to ballot their members in all ITV companies on a national strike.

Mr Harry Hughes, the EETPU national officer, said that while the electricians acknowledged that working practices must change, they were not prepared to have changes imposed on them.

Members of the Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance at Tyne-Tees who say they may refuse to cross EETPU picket lines next week have been asked by management for an assurance that they will work normally.

The TV-am dispute is over the size of the film crew for a Christmas charity.

Jail food parcels banned

Remand prisoners are to be banned from receiving food and drink from friends and relatives.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, listed a wide range of drugs, escape equipment and other unauthorized articles that had been smuggled into prisons in food. He said outside food was no longer needed as prison catering had improved.

Prison officers could better use time spent searching imported food. Prison governors would be asked to consider improving the range of goods in prison shops.

Postmen aggrieved by 'long anti social' hours

By John Spicer and Michael McCarthy

Postal workers do the longest, most anti-social hours of almost any group in the country, the Union of Communication Workers says.

Mr Alan Tuffin, its leader, asked: "Who else works six days a week, gets up early in the morning or works late through the night, for a minimum of 43 hours?"

That view was shared by striking postmen outside the main south-east London sorting office at Southwark yesterday.

The union argues that government figures show the average working week is 39 hours for manual workers.

The claim for a three-hour cut in the working week was first put in by the union in 1974. The postmen's last reduction was 22 years ago.

The Post Office says the average working week, net of paid meal breaks for postmen and sorters is 39.5 hours.

Managers say the union is not comparing like with like when it talks of manual workers in other industries and the shorter hours they do because, they say, those figures are calculated excluding meal breaks.

The Post Office formally offered the union a one-hour reduction in the working week in April, for those grades working 43 hours gross, to be introduced not earlier than January 4 on condition that this reduction would be paid for by more productivity and flexibilty.

The Post Office now says it is willing to cut the net working week for postal staff by one hour, to 38.5 hours a week, subject to the above conditions. It says each hour's reduction would cost about £50 million a year, equivalent to 2p on a first-class stamp.

The union says that the claim that 43 hours gross is equivalent to 39.5 hours net "bears no resemblance to reality".

The union argues that all meal breaks are taken at the place of work. There is no "lunch hour" arrangement enjoyed by office or production line workers. Staff have to be on the job or on the premises.

The Post Office says the basic pay of a postman nationally in October was £119.4 a week. Sorters get £136.90. Average earnings nationally are £190 for postmen and £250 for sorters.

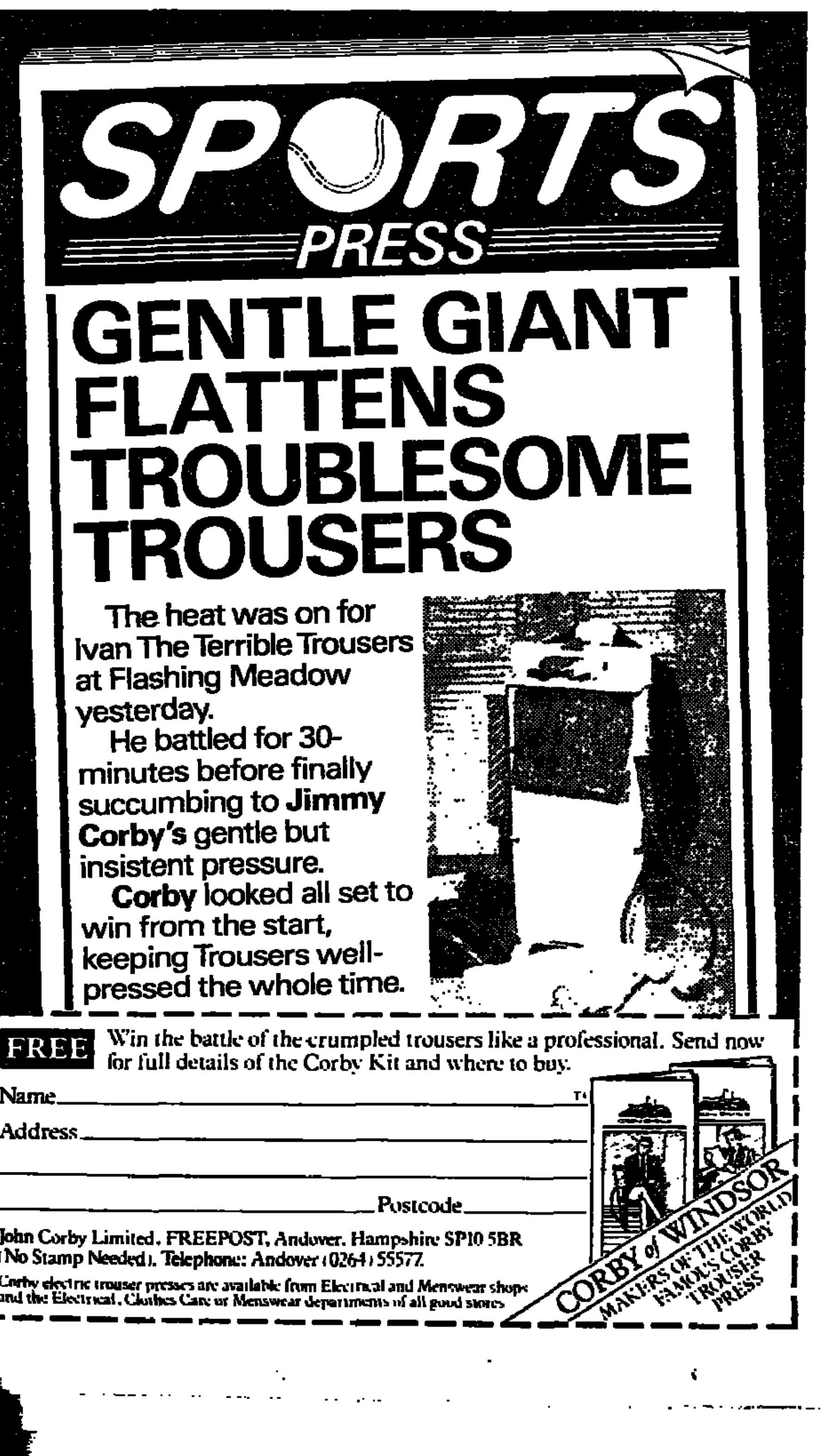
Inner London basic pay for a postman is £147.02 and for a sorter £164.88. Average earnings in inner London are £230 and £270. For outer London the figures are: postmen's basic pay £134.18 and sorter's £152.04. Average earnings are £250 and £255.

Average overtime payments for postmen nationally are £29 a week, and £41.61 for sorters. Postmen get £6.58 an hour (after 43 hours), sorters £7.89.

Low pay, unsocial hours and difficult working conditions were among the grievances voiced by the Southwark strikers. But one issue accounted for the strength of feeling; resentment at the refusal of the Post office to submit their claim for a shorter working week to arbitration.

"We think it's disgusting", said Jim, a postman aged 47 from the office's reserve section who did not wish to be named in full.

"We are quite happy to submit our case to independent scrutiny, so why aren't the management?"



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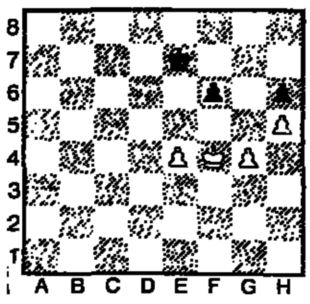
Draw after Karpov is trapped

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent
Seville

Brilliant endgame defence rescued world champion Gary Kasparov in the adjourned nineteenth game from the Seville World Championship.

The adjourned position of the game undoubtedly favoured Karpov. Instead, Kasparov set a profound trap into which Karpov fell.

The score is now 9½ points each with five games left to play. Kasparov will play white in game 20, set for today.



Drug lessens liver disease

Boston (AP) — A widely available medicine appears significantly to protect alcoholics from fatal liver disease, even when they continue to drink moderately, a study shows.

The drug, propylthiouracil, cut the death rate in half among alcoholics who took it over two years, researchers reported, and was almost completely effective among those who drank the least.

Experts said, however, that the medicine does not allow people to drink heavily, and that the best way to avoid liver disease was to give up alcohol.

Army punishment claims

MP queries case of big fine

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

Lieutenant-Colonel Alistair Macmillan, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, was named in Parliament yesterday as the officer who allegedly fined a corporal £500 for having an untidy room.

An anonymous letter sent to Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, alleged that the officer had also fined a soldier for refusing to dismount from his bicycle and a third had allegedly been ordered to pay £150 for being late with his mess bill.

Mr Ashley, who has been demanding an inquiry into claims of bullying and initiation ceremonies in the Army, has passed on the letter to Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence.

Yesterday Mr Roger Freeman, Minister for the Armed Forces, was delegated to produce the answers to the list of questions posed by Mr Ashley. Mr Freeman has already written to Mr Ashley this week rejecting his request for the appointment of an ombudsman to arbitrate in alleged cases of bullying.

Colonel Macmillan is the commanding officer of the Field Ambulance Unit with the Fourth Armoured Division in Minden, West Germany. He took command of the unit on January 22 and is responsible for 230 men.

Yesterday a spokesman for the division said that Colonel Macmillan was on duty and would not be available to make any comment about the allegations. There was no question of him being suspended while inquiries were made into the allegations.

Mr Ashley said yesterday that he had no way of knowing whether the allegations were accurate but he did not think it was "unfair" to name the officer in the anonymous letter. The MP was protected by parliamentary privilege when he merely referred to a "Lieutenantl-Colonel Macmillan" in the Commons.

Mr Ashley said: "I think it was an authentic letter. It was carefully written and well documented. Naming the CO is not to condemn him. It was to ensure a full investigation."

The Ministry of Defence said that all commanding officers were obliged to exercise discipline under the strict guidelines laid down under the Army Act and Queen's Regulations. They were instructed to use their powers "sensibly and fairly".

"In general terms, the internal discipline of individual units is a matter for each commanding officer concerned", the Ministry of Defence said. However the disciplinary record of each unit was regularly inspected by outside senior officers.

War crime trial move considered

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, is considering the introduction of a short Bill to enable Mr Antanas Gecas, an alleged Nazi war criminal, to be brought to trial. The Soviet authorities have asked for his extradition to face charges of committing atrocities in Nazi-occupied Lithuania but Mr Hurd has ruled that out.

Mr Hurd wants an all-party consensus so that the Bill would have a swift passage.

Under the present law Mr Gecas, aged 71, of Edinburgh, cannot stand trial because he was not a British subject at the time of the alleged offences, which he denies.

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Telecom agrees to bring in itemized bills at £87m cost

By Joe Joseph

British Telecom is bowing to pressure from its customers and from Oftel, the UK telecommunications watchdog, to introduce itemized telephone bills.

The move comes just a few days after BT lost its monopoly on providing public call boxes and will cost £87 million. It means that Britain will, at last, be able to enjoy a service that is as routine in America and many other countries as a detailed restaurant bill. Subscribers to Mercury, BT's fledgeling rival, already receive itemized telephone bills.

Detailed billing should help quell unease among some subscribers that rogue meters are swelling their telephone bills and many parents, shocked by the cost of the new premium telephone services charged at a peak rate of 38p a minute, might also welcome it as a way of keeping track of outgoing calls.

Mr Mark Elwes, a director of the Telecom Users' Association, said: "We have been pressing for itemized billing for a long time and welcome BT's decision. Now we want to see it become universal as soon as possible."

The new, optional facility will be introduced piecemeal as Britain's 7,000 local telephone exchanges are modernized. So far about 1,000 have been updated with computerized equipment.

More than 30,000 customers in London will be offered itemized bills from January during the first stage of the scheme. By next spring, telephone users in Birmingham, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Bristol will also start to receive quarterly bills detailing any call costing more than 50p, including value-added tax.

The bills will show the date and time a call is made, the number dialled and the duration and cost of the call. The cost of making all other calls will be shown as a bulk figure on the bill. Operator-assisted and special service calls will continue to be itemized.

"Our investment in new electronic telephone exchange equipment is now enabling us to move rapidly", Mr Mike Bett, managing director of British Telecom UK Communications, said.

"By 1990 almost 90 per cent of London telephone customers and about half our customers in the rest of the country should be able to get itemized bills."

By 1995, all BT's 22 million customers should have the option of using the new service. BT says the 50p threshold may be re-examined in the light of the public's response.

Professor Bryan Carsberg, director general of Oftel who has been critical of BT's refusal to introduce itemized billing, welcomed the move.

In a speech on Monday, Professor Carsberg warned BT about the public's lack of confidence in its billing procedure, saying that he was "waiting impatiently for indications of progress".

Over-metering was "very small in its percentage effect and under-metering is more likely than over-metering", he said.

The next customers to be offered the fully-operational itemized billing service will be on the London exchanges 01-651 (Sanderstead), 01-404 (Holborn), 01-388 (Euston), and 01-833 and 01-837 (King's Cross).

Computerized Cambridge

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

All 15,000 students and staff at Cambridge University are to be provided with personal computers under a £15 million five-year scheme, Project Granta.

The scheme will link colleges and university departments by fibre-optic cables.

The Department of Education and Science has agreed to let Cambridge spend a £3 million allocation for computer services on the scheme. The balance will be raised by the university and from computer companies in the form of equipment deals.

IBM, Digital Equipment and microchip-makers Qudos have joined the scheme, which is likely to form a model that other universities will follow.

Wealthy universities in the United States give their students computers, and Germany is following their example.

However, in Britain, student access to computers is usually through special departments housing a central computer, a hangover from the days when giant and temperamental number-crunchers were the only machines available.

Computer companies and the university stand to benefit from the initiative. Mr Peter O'Keefe, managing director of the locally-based Qudos, said yesterday that he expected turnover to double to £2 million because of orders from Project Granta.

His company has supplied 50 Acorn Archimedes scientific computers to the university, and hopes to have orders for 1,000 machines a year for the next five years.

Most of the computers are likely to be used for more conventional tasks, such as word processing by students.

Court plea on widows' fund lost

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

An unmarried Civil Servant lost an appeal in the European Court of Justice yesterday against a compulsory contribution to the Civil Service widows' fund.

The court ruled that individuals cannot rely on European equal pay or equal treatment directives to enforce equal treatment in pension schemes.

Mr George Newstead, a press officer at the Department of Transport, failed to uphold a claim against the department and the Treasury that the automatic deduction of 1.5 per cent of his gross salary, regardless of marital status, was discriminatory and a breach of the equal pay directive.

He complained that women Civil Servants in similar posts were not obliged to give up any of their gross salary.

However, the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg ruled that the department was entitled to deduct a sum from the pensions of all male employees, whether married or not, for the fund.

Under the scheme, the money is returned with compound interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum when the employee resigns if he has not married while covered by the scheme.

Mr Newstead first brought his complaint before an industrial tribunal. It was dismissed and he appealed to the Employment Appeal Tribunal which referred it to the European Court.

Soap stars set the Christmas scene

By Lynda Murdin, Arts Correspondent

The BBC's unveiling of a £20 million Christmas package yesterday confirmed that television channels will depend heavily on "soap operas" in the battle for viewers.

The chimes of Big Ben will be heard on BBC 1 at midnight on December 31, when the New Year will be saluted by characters from *EastEnders* watching the famous clock on television.

This ingenious Hogmanay scene will come at the end of a second special edition of *EastEnders*. The first instalment follows the Queen's Speech on Christmas Day.

ITV had announced plans to combat the BBC's usual supremacy in the Christmas ratings with a *Coronation Street* special, to include the exit of the becurlered Hilda Ogden, one of the programme's institutions.

Mr Bill Cotton, managing director of the BBC, said yesterday: "This is my last Christmas at the BBC and, looking across these schedules, undoubtedly the best".

The schedules contain 50 hours of new comedy and light entertainment during the fortnight and the first showing on British television of 14 films, including *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*, *The Killing Fields*, *The Woman In Red*, *Broadway Danny Rose* and *Terms of Endearment*. There will also be seasons of Fred Astaire and Greto Garbo movies.

Mozart's *Die Entführung aus dem Serail* at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, will be seen on BBC 2 on New Year's Day and Glyndebourne presents two Ravel works. Music programmes include Bernard Haitink conducting Mahler at an Amsterdam Christmas concert; *An Evening with Kiri Te Kanawa*; Yehudi Menuhin conducting Julian Lloyd Webber in the Elgar cello concerto and a second chance to see masterclasses given by the late Jacqueline Du Pré.

The Kirov Ballet joins Britain's Ballet of the 20th Century in *White Nights from Leningrad* and Rudolf Nureyev's new version of *Cinderella* will be seen on Boxing Day.

Dame Peggy Ashcroft and Julian Bream present Elizabethan poetry and music and Sir Richard Attenborough narrates a documentary on *Mother Teresa*.

● A film by the Salvation Army featuring the conversion of three people to Christianity cannot be screened on television because it is "promotional", the Independent Broadcasting Authority announced yesterday.

For the Love of God was due to have been shown on ITV channels on Remembrance Sunday last month but it was withdrawn because prior approval had not been sought from the IBA.

The Salvation Army insisted the film did no more than convey the power of the Christian faith.

The IBA said the film contravened the principle that air time should not be given to programmes made by or commissioned by religious bodies about themselves.

Rare items break a downward trend

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

SALEROOM

Buyers in New York and London were left in no doubt yesterday that when superlative items come up, whether historic or aesthetic, records will be set.

A manuscript of Albert Einstein's theory of relativity yielded £633,224 ($1.1 million) at Sotheby's sale in New York while Christie's jewellery auction near by totalled £6.7 million ($12.3 million). The unpublished Enstein document is considered one of the most important scientific works of the century.

It sold for nearly double its estimate to an agent bidding on behalf of an unnamed private buyer.

Other historic documents selling at a premium included a notebook used by the composer Richard Strauss, with drafts for three works. It fetched £24,123, to an English dealer.

A heartrending letter from Catherine of Aragon to "The Most High and Powerful Lord, the Emperor and King, my Nephew", namely the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, sold for £22,917 to a New York dealer.

The climax of Christie's jewellery sale was the collection of an American heiress, Caroline Ryan Foulke, who died last July.

Top lot was a marquise and pear-shaped diamond necklace made by Harry Winston for Mrs Foulke, a close friend. There were few dry eyes in the house when the elderly jeweller bought back the necklace for $1.1 million (£604,396). Every item at Christie's was sold.

Meanwhile, at Christie's in London, the manuscript collection of the American Estelle Doheny fetched £5.8 million, double its estimate.

There were five world record prices at Sotheby's post war and contemporary art sale in London yesterday. Much of the 24.5 per cent unsold material was because of the failure to sell a huge abstract by Asger Jorn.

The first record, and top price was that of £247,500 for a painting of chequered, recessional space entitled "Composition" (le Reve) by Maria-Helena Vieira da Silva.

Other records, for their respective artists, included that £154,000 for an abstract by Jean Fautrier; and £121,000 for a skinny bronze figure by Germaine Richier.

At Sotheby's, prints did less well, with 37 per cent bought in at the morning's sale, although some yielded good prices.

A lithgraph from Marc Chagall's printed portfolio "Regards sur Paris", fetched the highest price of £45,100 (estimate £23,000 to £32,000), selling to the Japanese dealer Seibu, while the London dealer B Marks spent £38,500 on Henri Matisse's lithograph series, "Les Fleurs du Mal".

There were two substantial disappointments at Sotheby's illustrated and children's books sale, when two collections – of works by Kate Greenaway, and material relating to the tale of John Gilpin (the hero whose horse ran away with him) – were left unsold at £20,000 and £9,000 respectively.

A collection of memorabilia relating to Little Titch, the Victorian comedian famous for his big boots, and sent for auction by his daughter, sold to a German dealer for £6,050.

Nurses' petition to MPs

Miss Sally Colter, aged 28, a ward sister at St Thomas's Hospital, south London, holding a petition with 7,300 signatures later presented to London MPs at the House of Commons yesterday in protest against cuts at the hospital resulting in 130 bed closures. The petition, supported by nurses and doctors at the hospital, called for more central funds for the National Health Service. (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Police using buses in force's cash shortage

By Stewart Tendler

Senior Scotland Yard officers are to investigate budget problems in a south London police division which have led to detectives using public transport for routine duties.

The restrictions have been imposed in the Orpington area where detectives were given a mileage allowance limit for the use of their own cars. To avoid exceeding the limit they were told to use public transport for non-urgent investigations.

Commander Michael Gough, who imposed the restriction, said that cash limits on police expenditure had to be set in the same way as other public services.

Orpington was heading for an overspend. Economies had to be made but operational duties would not be affected nor would normal police patrols.

Mr Geoffrey McLean, assistant commissioner at Scotland Yard responsible for territorial operations, is to investigate the situation at Orpington.

Operation 'strike' by surgeon

A consultant surgeon is refusing to carry out operations because he claims patients are being put at risk by unsafe theatre facilities.

Mr John Hawkesford says he has to wheel operating instruments around Newcastle upon Tyne General Hospital and has had to leave the theatre during an operation to get other instruments a quarter of a mile away.

Mr Hawkesford, a consultant oral and facial surgeon, is worried about possible litigation for medical negligence if anything went wrong during an operation.

He said he has had to move specialist instruments from one theatre to another in a wheelchair as his operations were moved throughout the hospital.

The health authority said patients were not being affected by Mr Hawkesford's decision as other consultants were carrying out operations.

"We do have sympathy with the fact that his operation sessions are in different theatres and we are trying to do something about it."

International campaign to combat Aids

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

An international campaign to combat Aids and to encourage preparations for a global vaccination programme will be announced today.

The launch of the World Aids Foundation is being supported by the French and US governments and by Professor Luc Montagnier and Dr Robert Gallo, the French researchers who first identified the Aids virus.

The foundation aims to raise millions of pounds a year towards funding research, education and other projects. It hopes to establish an international network of organizations to foster close collaboration on the disease.

Among those who are expected to be named as giving their support is Elizabeth Taylor, the actress, who is believed to be willing to play a leading role in fund raising efforts. An official said the campaign would bring new urgency to preventing the spread of the disease.

The foundation will work closely with the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Red Cross and other non-governmental agencies and will bring together leading scientists, doctors and health officials.

The foundation will be launched today at Professor Montagnier's laboratories at the Pasteur Institute, Paris.

A senior member of the foundation said: "We believe we can act as a catalyst and a forum to bring together all those whose talents and energies are vital to the success of international Aids policies.

"The Aids crisis is running out of control and although the World Health Organization has a crucial role to play it simply does not have all the necessary resources.

"There will have to be an unprecedented vaccination programme developed worldwide to control the spread of this disease. There is no vaccine yet available but we must be ready to use it when the time comes."

An Aids vaccine is still some years away. The World Health Organization estimates that up to 10 million people may be carrying the virus.

The foundation has been set up mainly as a result of an agreement between Professor Montagnier and Dr Gallo and their respective laboratories to provide 80 per cent of their royalties, about £2 million a year, from the sale of Aids test kits that they have developed.

The Government is to take its campaign against Aids into the classroom with a video film showing children the dangers of the disease.

The film will be shown in secondary schools throughout the United Kingdom, Mr Michael Forsyth, minister at the Scottish Office responsible fo health, said yesterday.

The final stage of the agreement will end a lengthy and complex legal dispute between the researchers over who discovered the virus and who holds patent rights to the kits.

Dr Jonas Salk, the American scientist who developed the first polio vaccine in 1955, was instrumental in achieving a compromise between the two scientists. Both are understood to be keen to provide more help to poorer nations in Africa and elsewhere.

President Reagan and M Jacques Chirac, the French prime minister, signalled the establishment of the foundation in a statement about the agreement last April.

Colleges seek cash parity

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Polytechnics and local authority colleges are to challenge universities over the allocation of funds.

College heads have put up with having less money per student than universities for many years and see a new cut of 1 per cent in their funding per student for 1988-89 as "the last straw".

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said this week that he would not countenance the colleges' proposed solution of cutting student numbers by 3,000.

However, in a letter to Mr Robert Jackson, Under Secretary of State with responsibility for higher education, Mr Baker has promised a thorough review.

The review is seen by the colleges and polytechnics, which produce half Britain's graduates, as a chance to press for parity with universities, even if this means forcing further cuts in the university sector. A degree student at a polytechnic costs the government £3,000. A university student is believed to cost at least 10 per cent more.

Mr John Bevan, secretary to the National Advisory Body on Public Sector Higher Education, said yesterday: "The fact is that we take in more students for the Government's money and give a better deal".

● Proposals to form a new polytechnic by merging two colleges in East Anglia are being discussed by Essex and Cambridgeshire county councils. The Essex Institute of Higher Education in Chelmsford and the Cambridgeshire College of Arts and Technology in Cambridge are 40 miles apart.

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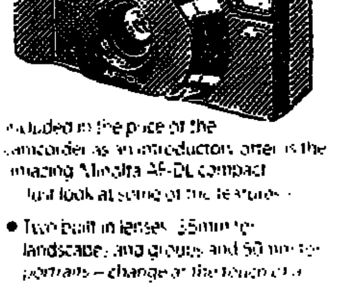

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British Steel sale preparations under way

The British Steel Corporation is to be privatized and the necessary legislation brought in during the present session of Parliament, both Houses were told.

The statement was made in the House of Lords by *Lord Young of Graffham*, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and repeated in the Commons by *Mr Kenneth Clarke*, Minister of Trade and Industry.

***Lord Young* said: The corporation today announced its half year results for 1987-88. These show a bottom line profit of £190 million. This compares with £178 million for the whole of 1986-87. This is an impressive improvement in the corporation's performance.**

This Government is committed to returning successful state industries such as steel to the private sector as soon as practicable. It is quite apparent that BSC has now reached the stage where it would benefit from a return to a fully commercial environment.

I am therefore pleased to announced that I am setting in hand the work necessary to privatize the corporation as soon as possible, subject to market conditions. Legislation will be required to turn the corporation into a private company. This will be introduced later in the current session.

In accordance with the previous commitments given by the Government, the corporation will continue with five integrated plants until August 1988. I have been reviewing this with the corporation in the light of the current market position. They will require steel making at all five plants for a number of years.

Scottish MPs will be pleased to hear that the corporation will be putting out a statement today making clear that, subject to market conditions, there will continue to be a commercial requirement for steel making at Ravenscraig for at least the next seven years.

The corporation also expect that, again subject to commercial considerations, there will be a similar requirement for plate rolling at Dalzell. This therefore goves assurance to Ravencraig's iron and steel-making facilities for a considerable period — indeed for a period much longer that the three-year commitments that the Government have been able to give in each of the two previous reviews in 1982 and 1985.

The corporation have also indicated that, even if they should wish at some stage, because of market conditions, to close their steel-making facilities in Ravencraig, they would consider on a commercial basis any wholly private sector offer for those facilities as an alternative to closure.

There is clear surplus capacity in BSC, as throughout Europe, in hot strip. BSC's strip mills are currently running at below 70 per cent of their potential capacity, which is among the lowest levels of utilization of strip mills anywhere in Europe. However, having reviewed the situation thoroughly, the corporation have decided on commercial grounds that all their present mills, including the Ravenscraig mill, will continue to operate at least until 1989.

The Government's consistent aim has been to achieve a strong, competitive British steel industry capable of performing well against international competition. This is in the best interests of the workforce of British Steel and all their customers, and in particular of steel users in the rest of British industry.

The BSC have already achieved a quite remarkable recovery and are now one of the most successful steel makers in Western Europe. I believe that early privatization and full commercial freedom will enable the company and its workforce to be best place to go on to further achievements and to secure a firmly based competitive industry with a long-term future.

Thatcher and Kinnock clash on nurses' pay

PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister again clashed with Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, over nurses' pay at question time. She declined his request to take the "unusual step" of giving guidance to the nurses' pay review body.

The exchanges began when Mr Kinnock asked if, considering the shortage in specialities of nursing, she would give an undertaking that this time the Government would fund the whole of the pay award and any costs resulting from regrading.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher: The restructuring proposals are not yet ready to go before the review body. If they are agreed they will go the review body which did not exist at the time of the Labour Government.

When the proposals come from the review body, we shall consider them in the usual way and also the fianancial arrangements for any proposal that might be made.

Preparations for next year mean that, in the United Kingdom, there will be an increase in resources of the order of £1.1 billion to the NHS.

Mr Kinnock said that there were crises in the supply of nurses in many areas and health authorities had not got the money to afford to fund upgrading or any significant award.

Would the Prime Minister take the unusual step this year of giving guidance to that pay body and ensuring that it made an award that really was money to pay nurses?

It would be both stupid and cruel to ask the health authorities to pay the nurses' award out of cuts and closures in hospital wards.

Mrs Thatcher: I will not prejudge either the evidence to the review body nor what they say. We will stand very much on our record on the health service: more than 64,000 more nurses.

In Mr Kinnock's own constituency the increase in the health service went up by 6 per cent in real terms over the whole term of the last Labour Government. It has gone up by 20 per cent under us.

Mr Kinnock asked if the the Prime Minister did not yet realize that neither nurses nor patients were interested in the past? They were interested in the future (Conservative protests).

Jeering from the Tory benches was only further evidence that by going private they manifested total ignorance of what the nurses wanted.

Mrs Thatcher: The last thing nurses want is to go back under a Labour Government to have their pay cut.

Labour sceptical on Ravenscraig mill assurance

STEEL SALE

Labour MPs expressed scepticism about the future of the Ravenscraig steel plant in the wake of Mr Kenneth Clarke's statement in the Commons on the sale of British Steel.

Mr Brian Gould, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said that on a day when British Steel and the workforce deserved genuine congratulations, the minister [of Trade and Industry] was rewarding them with a statement which placed their future, quite unnecessarily, in jeopardy.

Did he not recognize that British Steel's success had been achieved under public ownership, indeed it was far more successful than privately owned manufacturing industry?

That success could not have been achieved without essential investment, funded by the public purse.

"Is this to be yet another example of the taxpayer making the investment but being denied the return, and another case of the taxpayer having to pay the bill and the City picking up the profit?"

It was exactly the wrong time to make the statement when in an EEC context the industry was operating in a state of economic confusion. What was the Government going to say in the prospectus about quotas? Would not the uncertainty jeopardize the position of prospective buyers?

Was this not another case of proceedings which were dogma driven and publicly carried through without reference to market conditions and without reference to the needs of the industry?

The statement added to the uncertainty, particularly in relation to Ravenscraig.

The offer of a guaranteed seven-year future was a hollow promise, depending as it did largely on so-called commercial considerations, for which the Government would no doubt disclaim any responsibility, and depending largely on the continuation of the hot strip mill, which had been given a guarantee of only three years.

"Can he not offer a better guarantee to Ravenscraig and its 3,000 workers than the weasel words contained in the statement?"

Was it the Government's intention to privatize British Steel as one entity, or was another inference to be drawn from the statement and how was this to be arranged, by flotation or my merger and if so with whom?

Mr Clarke said that British Steel had gone through a difficult time under public ownership and it had cost the taxpayers billions of pounds as the corporation had struggled to come to terms with the difficulties in the steel market.

"It is not as a result of public ownership that it has improved. It is as a result of the considerable efforts of the management and the workforce as they have adjusted to the sometimes painful changes that have brought the corporation to its present level of performance."

Having reached this position, British Steel would now have the flexibility of privatization and be free from the restrictions of Whitehall. It would be able to operate in the market place as a strong, efficient producer and with a good future on that basis.

On quotas, he said that the European Steel Council would be discussing what would follow the present quota regime, due to end on December 31 this year. The Government would be pressing for an early return to free market conditions

British Steel was now in a strong position to take on competition and was commercially placed to take advantage of a return to the free market. That was another reason for seeking privatization as quickly as possible.

On Ravenscraig, he said that he suspected Mr Gould was politically disappointed that the news was so good. Subject to the market, and not to weasel words, there was going to be steel making at Ravenscraig for seven years. That ought to be a considerable reassurance to the workers there.

It was the Government's intention to float British Steel as a single entity which would be in the interests of the corporation and the nation's taxpayers.

Mr Kenneth Warren (Hastings and Rye, C) asked Mr Clarke to be aggressive in getting the European council to roll back the quotas.

Mr Clarke: We intend to take a strong stance. The present quota is inhibiting British Steel from taking advantage of its competitive situation.

Mr Malcolm Bruce, Liberal spokesman on trade and industry, said that they must have assurances that the strategic role of steel in the British economy would be secure and that there would be safeguards about the percentage of foreign ownership. He asked whether the workforce would be consulted and would have an opportunity to buy shares.

Mr Clarke said that they would consider whether there was a case for restricting foreign ownership. He was attracted by the idea of the workers having an opprtunity to acquire a shareholding.

Mr Stanley Orme (Salford East, Lab) asked how much taxpayers' money had been invested since 1979.

Mr Clarke: We are trying to work out the total bill for losses in all the kinds of financial troubles incurred by the foolish decisions of the Labour Government. It will be several billion pounds.

Later he said that it was clear that a flotation of British Steel as a single entity was by far the best course.

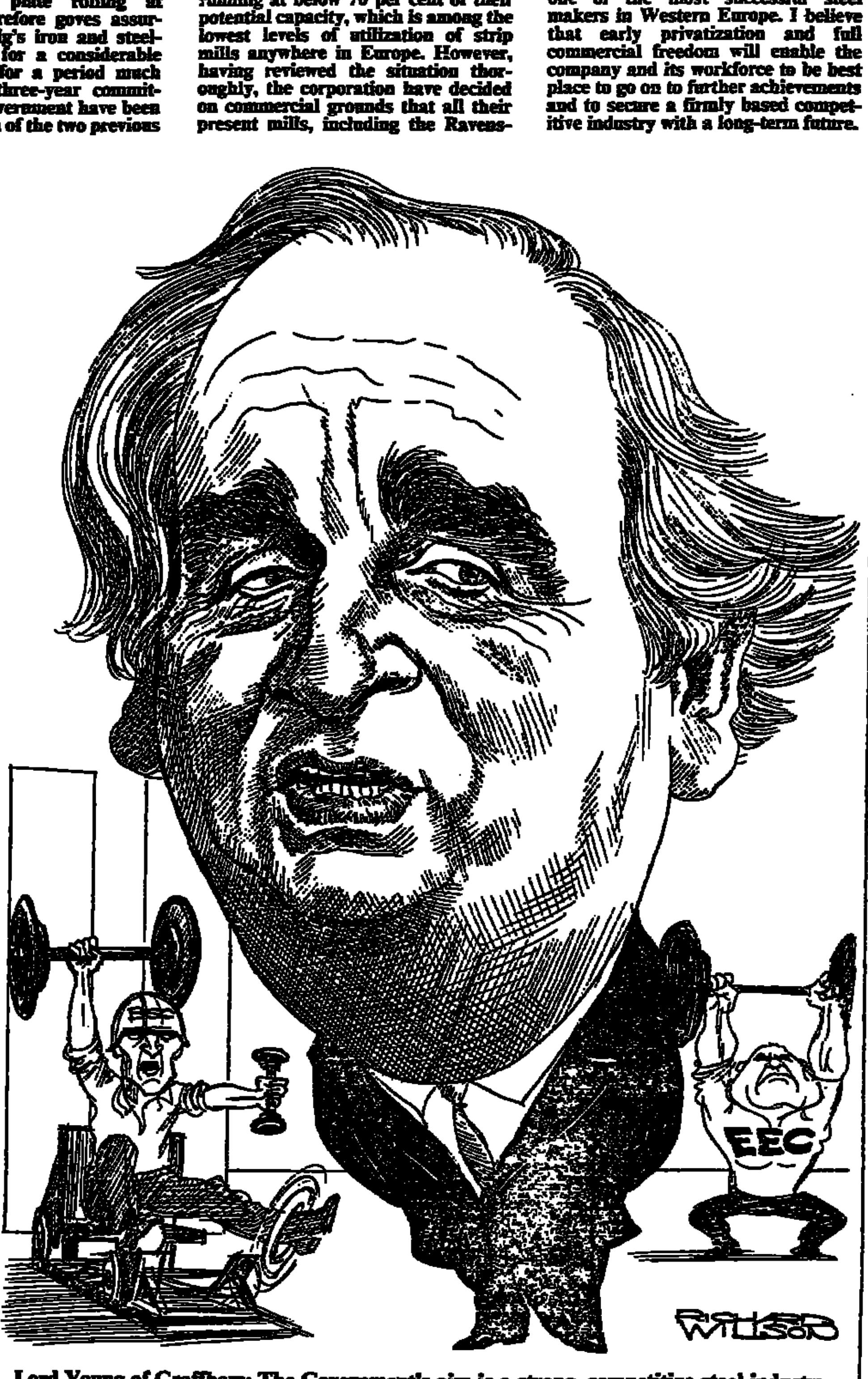
The serious problem of excess capacity in utilizing strip mills was damaging to efficiency and could not go on indefinitely. It was good news that, as a commercial course, BSC had decided to keep the strip mills until 1989, when they would decide what to do after that.

They wished to return to a competitve export market in Europe. The quotas held them back from penetrating German, French, and other markets.

He said later that it was essential to maintain investment in the steel industry because markets were still competitive and customer demands for quality were ever higher.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, suggested that the statement was "a fraudulent front" when the reality would be more uncertainty for Ravenscraig which was now to be left to the profit motive.

Mr Clarke said that Mr Dewar could not possibly dismiss things like market conditions and the commercial judgement of businessmen when discussing the future of any manufacturing business. This would be an act of irresponsible folly.



Lord Young of Graffham: The Government's aim is a strong, competitive steel industry.

Decision soon on alleged Nazis

HOME OFFICE

The Government was considering urgently the policy and legal implications of documents on alleged Nazi war criminals provided by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre and it was hoped to announce the Government's conclusions soon, **Mr Douglas Hurd**, the Home Secretary, told the Commons.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said that it would be wrong for those responsible for the most monstrous Nazi war crimes to be allowed to get away scot-free because they happened to be living in the United Kingdom.

The choice for the Government was either to change the law on extradition or to allow legal proceedings to take place in this country.

Mr Hurd: We have no jurisdiction over crimes, however serious, committed overseas by individuals who were not then British citizens. There were not any present arrangements, or likely arrangements, on the possibility of extradition. Nor could there be any thorough, further investigation without jurisdiction.

"So we have to decide whether to assert jurisdiction by changing the law and, if so, how that should be defined. This is far from easy. The ethical and legal considerations are serious and do not point in the same way. We are considering how to proceed."

Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Orpington, C): However much we detest the perpetrators of war crimes, we should not ourselves introduce extraordinary legal changes to enable mere allegations to be pursued.

Mr Hurd said that it was hard to pursue beyond the stage of mere allegations without jurisdiction.

"There is no question of creating crimes or offences retrospectively."

It was a question of the width of jurisdiction over crimes recognized by everyone as crimes.

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab) said that when massive evidence was accruing about crimes committed during the war, as in the case of Mr Gecas in Edinburgh, was Mr Hurd not going to do anything about this man and 16 others in this country?

Mr Hurd said that he had already set out the options he was considering.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C) said that the Home Secretary should be wary on this matter "because supporters of this particular proposal are motivated not by justice but by the demands of propaganda".

Firmness pledge for Copenhagen

EEC MEETING

The Prime Minister told the House that she and the Foreign Secretary would show a resolute approach at the European Council summit in Copenhagen, for which she was departing that day.

Mr John Greenway (Ryedale, C) said that the Prime Minister took with her to Copenhagen the good wishes of everyone on the Conservative side of the House. It was crucial that some sense was brought into the EEC budget.

Mrs Thatcher said that it would be a very difficult meeting, but it was vital that they addressed, and attempted to solve with determination, the question of surplus agricultural products, the question of sound financial discipline and that they maintained the UK's Fontainbleau abatement which had served the country well.

Sir John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C) said that the Prime Minister, in preparing her efforts to ensure common sense in the EEC at Copenhagen, had the support of the whole country.

She should draw encouragement not only from the backing of public opinion but also from the support given by the West German people.

Mrs Thatcher said that it was vital that they tackled the question of agricultural surpluses by the use of stablizers for each and every product.

The worst message that could come out of the summit meeting was that, once again, they were running away from the issue instead of tackling it.

She and Sir Geoffrey Howe would be resolute in their approach to the meeting and to their performance there.

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Channon worried about foreign owner for B-Cal

TRANSPORT

The Government's concern that British Caledonian Airways might pass into foreign control was based on the possibility that other countries might refuse to designate routes for that airline, **Mr Paul Channon**, Secretary of State for Transport, said during exchanges on the proposed deal between BCal and Scandinavian Airline Systems (SAS).

He also suggested that there was a possibility that otherwise unnecessary concessions might have to be made to foreign governments to secure designation for the airline.

He would be minded to revoke licences if a merger took place which led to effective control of BCal being no longer in United Kingdom hands.

Mr Peter Snape, an Opposition spokesman on transport, asked what shareholding in British Caledonian would be acceptable — 20 per cent, 25 per cent, or another figure up, perhaps, to 30 per cent?

What percentage of British Airways' shares were sold on foreign stock exchanges when the airline was privatized and what percentage were now in non-British hands?

He sought an assurance that no final decision would be based on the "endless ambition and influence" of Lord King of Wartnaby [chairman of BA] or the rambling xenophobia of Mr Norman Tebbit.

Mr Channon said be could not answer in relation to exact shareholdings.

The Civil Aviation Authority had to inform him if it thought a British airline was no longer under effective United Kingdom control, but it could not do that until there had been a proposition.

If it did report to him in that way, he had power to revoke, or fail to revoke, licences.

"I can only say what I am minded to do. It is strongly in the public interest that I should say what I am minded to do.

"I would be minded to revoke the licences should a merger take place on those terms."

Mr Norman Tebbit (Chingford, C), a former airline pilot, said there would be a wide welcome for the way the matter had been handled — that there had been no further reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

That would have caused further delay and uncertainty, which B-Cal would not have been able to withstand.

There would be an equally wide welcome that Mr Channon had made it clear the United Kingdom would not tolerate ownership or control by a foreign airline.

He wondered if the Labour Party favoured nationalization of a British airline by a Scandinavian airline.

Mr Channon said it would be a very serious matter if a British airline passed under foreign control because it would be open to a foreign government that was not satisfied that substantial ownership rested in British hands to refuse to accept designation of the airline's routes.

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, drew a distinction between control of a British airline and a minority stake, which was what SAS was proposing.

SAS was not wholly owned by three Scandinavian governments. It was a private-public mixed enterprise, as BP had been before privatization.

Mr Channon repeated that he had no powers to act unless the Civil Aviation Authority reported that it believed that effective control of B-Cal had passed out of UK hands. The points Mr Steel raised were matters for the CAA.

Mr Nicholas Soames (Crawley, C), whose constituency includes Gatwick airport, referred to the seriousness of certain air service agreements being lost if ownership of an airline passed out of British hands.

Mr Channon said that a "hypothetical situation" where a merger took place, in which B-Cal passed out of British hands, would be to the detriment of British civil aviation interests, if there were failure to designate, or they had to make concessions which would not have been necessary if the question of foreign control had not arisen.

Mr Barry Jones (Alyn and Deeside, Lab) asked if there was likely to be any effect on orders by B-Cal for Airbus?

Mr Channon said that must be a matter for B-Cal. He did not know what the outcome of the negotiations would be.

Mr Roger Moate (Faversham, C) said that in relation to the SAS offer, a proposed partnership situation could arise where effective management and control remained in the United Kingdom and at the same time they would remain an effective competitor.

Mr Channon said that at this stage CAA could only give an informal indication as to whether or not the proposed merger would or would not result in effective control passing out of British hands.

If the CAA were to decide that was the case, as Secretary of State for Transport he would have to consider whether to direct the revocation of the licence. He had no locus in deciding whether effective control would pass out of United Kingdom hands.

The Government was anxious to encourage competition with a multi-airline industry with a variety of airlines serving passenger needs.

Mr John Wilkinson (Ruislip, Northwood, C) said that for too long there had been an uncompetitive policy among European airlines. There was a need to break up that cosy cartel which was prejudicial to the interests of the travelling public.

Mr Channon said he agreed that there was a great deal to be done to improve the conditions of airline competition in Europe and in the world in general. A modest step forward could be taken next week when the Community Transport Council was to debate an airline package.

Commons select committees

Scots the only exception to settlement

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

All but one of the Commons all-party select committees were finally re-established early yesterday, nearly six months after the general election, amid furious protests from some aggrieved MPs.

One Tory, Mr Peter Fry, MP for Wellingborough, announced that he would refuse to accept the party whip for a period to express disgust at the way his whips had interfered in the composition of the supposedly independent backbench watchdog committees.

The Unionist MP, the Rev Ian Paisley, kept MPs trooping through the division lobbies to vote on the membership of each individual committee until 2am in protest at Unionist representation in general, and his exclusion from the agriculture select committee in particular.

Scottish Labour MPs were furious that the one committee not set up was the Scottish affairs committee, which has now become a source of deep embarrassment to the Government.

Mr Peter Fry: Refusing to accept whip

Because it has only five Scottish backbenchers, the Government was forced to reduce the thirteen-member committee to nine to maintain a majority. It has since emerged that one of those five, Mr Bill Walker, was nominated by his whips without his permission and is refusing to serve. Others are plotting to serve only long enough to vote that the committee never meets.

Mr Frank Dobson, shadow Leader of the House, said that all behind-the-scenes co-operation between the Opposition and the Government would be withdrawn if the Scottish committee was not set up by, or soon after, Christmas.

Once appointed, the new committee chairmen are expected to begin work on a report demanding a change in Commons procedures to make it impossible for there ever again to be such a delay.

The delay, by no means unwelcome to the Government, has meant that Whitehall departments have escaped detailed scrutiny of their work for at least a tenth of the present Parliament, and about £750,000 has been spent on the salaries and associated costs of the 84 staff who service the committees for a long period of enforced idleness.

Some of the delay was unavoidable, and caused by the post-election need to get such things as the Shadow Cabinet elections out of the way.

More recently, however, the committees have been blocked by Unionist MPs demanding greater representation, and by a few Tory MPs, led by Mr Nicholas Winterton, who have been incensed at the whips' interference in the formation of the committees.

In particular, both main parties' whips connived to try to make Mrs Audrey Wise, a left-winger only just returned to Parliament after an eight-year absence, chairman of the social services committee.

The Tory whips were also trying to install Sir Anthony Grant, a former minister, as chairman of the trade and industry committee in place of Mr Kenneth Warren, who had presided over some critical reports in the last Parliament.

Both attempts failed in the face of revolts by the Tory members on the two committees.

Mr Fry said: "The rights of backbenchers have been abused. I shall now vote how I choose, or not vote at all as the case may be. I am not interested in receiving the whip."

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:
Monday: Health and Medicines Bill, second reading.
Tuesday: Motion for the Christmas recess.
Wednesday: Motion on Rate-Support Grant Report (England).
Thursday: Arms Control and Disarmament (Privileges and Immunities) Bill, remaining stages.
Friday: Private member's Bill: Scotch Whisky Bill, second reading.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:
Monday: Debate on social security within the EEC.
Tuesday: Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, committee.
Wednesday: Debate on disarmament and East-West relations.
Thursday: Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, committee.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private member's motion on Cyprus.

Christmas recess

MPs will rise for the Christmas recess on Friday, December 18, and return on January 11. The Lords will rise from December 17 to January 11.

Left wing's control of town halls 'threat to sovereignty'

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Left-wing Labour control of town halls represents a challenge to national sovereignty, according to a paper from the Centre for Policy Studies, the influential Conservative think tank, published today.

Professor David Regan, Professor of Local Government at Nottingham University, argues that the party's activists have abandoned their reformist Fabian traditions and embraced a municipal socialism rooted in Marxism and guild socialism.

As has been seen in places such as Lambeth and Liverpool, this "pernicious" new doctrine accepts flouting or evasion of the law, welcomes intervention in defence and other non-local governmental matters, promotes the politicization of career officials and emphasizes relentless and unscrupulous social enginnering, he writes.

"Unlike the Fabians, today's left do not accept that local government is legitimately subordinate to the centre. Local government is seen as possessing equal if not superior validity. The left thus represents a sometimes implicit, sometimes explicit, challenge to national sovereignty.

"The new Labour doctrine of local government seeks to elevate local government to a role and a status it has never enjoyed (in modern times) and can never enjoy within our present constitutional arrangements. All adherents of the new doctrine are inevitably working towards the destruction of these arrangements even where they do not consciously seek to do so."

Professor Regan acknowledges that some left-wing local authority leaders have displayed a "new realism" since the Conservative election victory, but suggests their conversion may be only skin deep.

He maintains that a large proportion of Labour councillors, in London, the urban centres of the Midlands and the North and in Scotland are proponents of the new doctrine.

He urges ministers to take further steps to curb the "inanities and malignancies" of the town hall left, which, he says, in some cases have produced an atmosphere of menace and intimidation.

Welcoming new laws such as the poll tax, designed to produce greater accountability, and the Bill preventing councils from imposing contract compliance on firms and indulging in partisan political campaigning, he writes that they will need to be drawn more tightly.

He also advocates boosting public interest in the activities of local authorities by replacing their obscure committee structure with a more personalized and visible system.

Professor Regan's paper, the first of three CPS local government initatives this winter, will be followed by one written by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, entitled *The Right Town Halls: Accountable Local Government.*

The Local Left and its National Pretensions by David Regan (Centre for Policy Studies, 8 Wilfred Street, London SW1E 6PL; £4.90).

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Opposition grows as plans for poll tax are unveiled

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

A direct challenge to the whole basis of the controversial poll tax is released today by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

It comes as the Government publishes its Bill abolishing domestic rates and replacing them with the flat rate community charge.

The most contentious Government proposal for this session of Parliament comes under sustained criticism for creating additional bureaucracy, being difficult to collect and failing to command widespread public consent.

Conservative backbench critics of Mr Nicholas Ridley's plans to scrap rates, which will be unveiled this morning, will seize on the institute's report which proposes a graduated community charge, as a realistic alternative around which to rally opposition as the Bill passes through Parliament.

Sir George Young, a former junior minister at the Department of the Environment, who favours the graduated poll tax, said the report by the institute should encourage the Government to re-examine its plan. He said of the report: "They have sunk the poll tax flagship plan just below the water line".

The report recommends a graduated community charge based only on people who pay income tax and argues that the Government would have a much better chance of collecting local tax in a system where all those to be taxed had an income rather than under the legislation where many will not.

It attacks the bureaucracy involved in government plans saying it would be easier to collect a graduated charge using existing Inland Revenue records. "The patent absurdity of running a bureaucracy to collect national taxation in order to hand it out via another bureaucracy to individuals with no income in order that they may pay part of their local government tax (as is proposed for the Government's system) would be avoided", says the report.

"Information about residence and income bands is already held by the Inland Revenue and could easily be improved to the point where administration of a graudated charge would be easier and cheaper than the flat rate version."

The report says that a graduated scheme would command greater public confidence and would fit in with Government objectives for reforming local government and making it more accountable.

But the report is sceptical of the durability of the government plan saying: "In the end, however, choices about heroic political and financial reforms must be taken by politicans on the basis of their aptness and durability of the system proposed".

It says savings in the cost of collecting would result from adoption of the graduated charge. "The Government's community charge system is expected to cost more than twice as much to collect as domestic rates, even though the yield would be unchanged.

"A graduated community charge would radically cut administration costs: computer based information about the residence and income band of each individual. The task of billing and collection from such a group of income earners should be as easy as collecting domestic rates."

Under a graduated scheme the well off would be protected from authorities which wished to load the tax burden on to them as the Government could decide on a maximum and minimum charge for top and bottom income bands.

The report shows that under a progressive graduated charge a married couple with two children living in Buckinghamshire and earning £15,100 a year would pay £335, but £412 under the Government's community charge plans and a couple earning £32,400 would pay £1,339 compared with £412.

But the proposals will come under attack from ministers, anxious to halt any rebellion among backbenchers. They will argue that the proposals are a local income tax under another guise.

Meanwhile the Labour Party accused the Government of "deliberate deception" in issuing poll tax figures for local authorities and predicted that figures would be much higher when it was introduced in 1990.

Revenue breakdown feared

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

A private meeting of local authority chief executives has been convened by Sir Terry Heiser, permanent secretary at the Department of the Environment, to advise on how to avoid administrative breakdown in Labour-controlled London boroughs in the lead up to the community charge.

Sir Terry is said to be anxious about the capacity of certain London boroughs to absorb the unprecedented volume of legislation affecting their finances and services, including a squeeze on spending.

He is holding talks with the chief officials of the national local authority associations and the London Boroughs Association, including Sir Peter Newsam, secretary of the Association of County Councils and formerly chief officer of the Inner London Education Authority.

However, Mr John MacDonnell, chief officer of the Labour-dominated Association of London Authorities, has not been invited to attend.

The Department of the Environment is concerned at the reaction of Hackney, Lambeth and Southwark councils. It is considered that Islington council has become administratively sound under Mrs Margaret Hodge, the Labour leader.

There is concern that some boroughs will not be ready to collect the poll tax when it is introduced in 1990. The consequent loss of revenue could be disastrous for services.

The District Auditor is considering bringing a court case against Southwark Labour councillors on the grounds that they wilfully lost public money when they delayed setting a rate in 1985. Such action could lead to their disqualification.

The Government is planning legislation, possibly late next year, to redefine the duties of local authority officials, especially treasurers, making them responsible for council spending.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said yesterday that future legislation would implement some of the recommendations of a report by a committee led by Mr David Widdicombe, QC, on the conduct of council business.

Royal Christmas cheer

The Princess of Wales yesterday made her Christmas visit to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormand Street, London, and helped Paula Derpsch, aged three, unwrap a clockwork doll, a present from Father Christmas, the comedian, Jimmy Tarbuck. The Princess is patron of the hospital's £30 million redevelopment appeal.

Tax haven faces union siege

By Ian Smith

Millionaires living in the tax haven of the Isle of Man face a bleak Christmas as the worst industrial dispute in the island's history threatens supplies.

Pickets have blocked deliveries of beer brewed on the island while seamen have shown solidarity by returning to the mainland with unloaded supplies. Dockers, gas, electricity and oil workers have all threatened to join the dispute involving the Transport and General Workers' Union.

"Unless the other side give way it is going to be a miserable Christmas", Mr Bernard Moffatt, a union official on the island, said.

The confrontation started on November 4 when Mr Gerry Galbraith, aged 23, a waiter, was given one week's verbal notice by the management of the Palace Hotel in Douglas for alleged disruptive behaviour. The hotel claims that he joined the union two hours later and, from the moment he received written confirmation of his dismissal on November 5, the dispute snowballed.

Mr Galbraith started a lone picket outside the hotel and was joined by colleagues. Workers at Isle of Man Breweries then refused to deliver supplies to the Castletown Golf Links Hotel, which is under the same ownership as the Palace Hotel.

Mr Moffatt claimed that the Government was backing the hotel in an attempt to prevent the union gaining a foothold on the island.

Support for unions 'highest in 30 years'

By Tim Jones

Trade unions are more popular than at any time in the past 30 years, according to research carried out for the TUC.

Members of the organization's review body, established to examine how the movement can halt a fall in membership, have been told that 71 per cent of the population now regard trade unions as "a good thing".

Faced with futher government legislation in the form of a new employment Bill in the new year, which the TUC has condemned as a "scabs charter", the findings will give comfort to the review body which is charged with ensuring the survival of unions.

It was established in recognition of the fact that the movement, which is in decline, is also deeply divided by internal divisions, notably over the issue of single union no-strike deals.

The review body must find an acceptable compromise between the hard left who see no dishonour in confrontation and the modernists who see no shame in co-operating fully with management if they secure the right benefits.

Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, has acknowledged there are considerable difficulties in organizing membership drives in new towns and on new industrial estates.

Eighty-eight per cent of union members said they regarded unions as essential to protect their interests.

The research showed that while wages and conditions were the most widely quoted advantage of joining a union, "having to follow union policy" was the most widely quoted disadvantage.

It showed that women had a lower identification with unions.

MPs' attack outdated, BBC says

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Parliamentary criticism of BBC External Services is two months out of date and no longer applicable, it was disclosed yesterday.

In a report published on Wednesday, the public accounts committee criticized the External Services for lack of financial accountability and in particular its reluctance to open its books to the National Audit Office.

The committee said it could not emphasize too strongly the need for direct accountability to Parliament through the audit of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

The BBC had agreed in October to such accountability, including giving the National Audit Office access to its books. Corporation officials yesterday expressed surprise at the committee's apparent ignorance.

The BBC confirmed yesterday that the corporation had already reached agreement on outstanding points involving finance.

"The BBC accepts the committee's view that such accountability to Parliament is entirely consistent with the BBC's management responsibilities under the royal charter.

"We welcome the 'unequivocable assurances' in the report of the committee that the Treasury, the Foreign Office and the Comptroller and Auditor General would make no attempt to infringe the editorial independence of the External Services."

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Crew relatives to claim over loss of ship

Relatives of 42 seamen who died when the bulk carrier Derbyshire sank off the coast of Japan seven years ago will be able to sue the ship's owners for compensation.

Five law lords yesterday allowed an appeal by relatives on a preliminary point of law.

The family of the third engineer, Mr Leo Coltman, is bringing a test action against Bibby Tankers.

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Fines over shares issue

Two men were fined yesterday at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, central London, after they admitted making multiple applications for shares in Britoil.

Albert Aung, aged 42, a former solicitor, of Hollycroft Avenue, Hampstead, northwest London, was fined £5,000. Roger Holmes, a former shipping clerk, of Beatrice Avenue, Norbury, south London, was fined £2,700.

Parents to sue over jail death

The parents of John Ryan, who died from dehydration in the hospital wing of Winson Green Prison, Birmingham, said yesterday they would sue the Home Office after an inquest jury decided his death was caused by lack of care.

Ryan, aged 24, from Whoberly, Coventry, lost nearly 20lb in jail.

Cleaner cars

Tougher exhaust emission standards for large cars and strict rules for those with small and medium-sized engines were announced by the Government yesterday. The changes, to harmonize with European Community rules, will be introduced in the early 1990s.

Jail windfall

Philip Brennan, aged 19, of Preston, learnt on Monday that he had won £80,000, a luxurious car and a Caribbean holiday in a Littlewoods Pools competition, two days before he was jailed for assault.

Tree damage

British forests are beginning to show damage similar to that linked to acid rain and air pollution on the Continent, a Forestry Commission survey indicates.

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Football hooligans lead international violence conspiracy

By Ian Smith

British football hooligans are training their continental counterparts in terrace violence, according to researchers at Leuven University, near Brussels.

Right-wing extremists held responsible for numerous football disturbances in Britain are believed to have established a network of sympathizers in France, Belgium, West Germany and the Netherlands.

According to the researchers, the groups meet at international matches, select vulnerable targets and meet at grounds before the kick-off to plan strategies. British youths hosted visits by foreign football hooligans and took them to matches to demonstrate confrontational tactics.

The British hooligans have been identified as attaching themselves to the Tottenham Hotspur, West Ham, Chelsea, Nottingham Forest, Aston Villa and Manchester United clubs.

The academics at Leuven University have collected photographs and written proof of close ties between international football hooligans. They were asked to carry out the investigation after the Heysel Stadium disaster in which 39 people died.

Their findings are being examined by the Belgian home affairs department who are to make a series of recommendations later this month on how best to combat the menace. Copies of their report will be sent to Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, and Mr Colin Moynihan, Minister for Sport.

The Beligan embassy in London said yesterday: "We are deeply disturbed by the report which points to a highly organized gang of thugs intent on destroying the game.

"Whether these people were in any way responsible for the tragedy at Heysel we do not know. What is certain is that their main aim is to organize violence whenever possible and that is what we have to do our best to prevent."

Mr Kris van Limbergen, a researcher at the university, said he has copies of letters from Belgian supporters to Chelsea and West Ham fans asking for help in fighting rival groups at specific matches. He also held photographs of Belgian youths making Nazi-style salutes at English grounds.

Letters seized by the police contained numerous neo-Nazi slogans and clearly demonstrated support felt for extreme right-wing groups. "English hooligans have been making friends in Belgium and all over Europe at international matches to plan what trouble they can cause and I believe this is what helps bring about the situation at Heysel," Mr van Limbergen said.

"We know that Belgian football supporters are staying at the homes of Chelsea and West Ham fans and attending matches in England to learn tactics on football hooliganism."

The Football League and Football Association will also receive copies of the report.

Five breath test failures in 35 days

By Ian Smith

Legislation to impound the licence of drivers who fail breath tests was called for yesterday after an executive pleaded guilty to five offences of drink-driving, two committed on the same day and all happening within 35 days.

The demand, by Action on Alcohol Abuse, came after the appearance at Hawarden Magistrates' Court in Mold of Dennis Maloney, aged 48, a construction company executive. Magistrates ordered that he be held in custody at Risley Remand Centre in Warrington until Christmas eve for psychiatric and social reports.

When police first stopped Maloney in West Lane, Ewloe, Deeside, he was found to have a Lion Intoxeter machine reading of 122 micrograms, more than three times the allowed limit of 35 micrograms.

Subsequently he was stopped four times in November at Rhyl, Chester, Bangor and Holyhead where readings of 84, 93, 109 and 117 were recorded.

The last two offences happened on the same day: Mr Maloney was first apprehended at 12.30am then again at 11.30pm that night.

Express travel for BR's regions

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

British Rail's provincial passenger train services are to be improved with new express services.

Starting in May the journey from Blackpool to Ipswich will be cut by 100 minutes and from Birmingham to Norwich from 4 hours 15 minutes to 3 hours 30 minutes.

Those improvements, announced yesterday, , will result from the introduction of 75mph Super Sprinter trains with rapid acceleration.

They will provide an hourly service on new routes between North-west England and East Anglia, via the East Midlands. They will also operate from Cardiff to Birmingham via Worcester and Cardiff from to north Wales.

Services will be improved further in May 1989, when Class 158 trains are introduced. These 90mph air-conditioned trains are expected to transform long distance services in Scotland and set new standards of comfort.

British Rail's provincial sector operates all passenger services except those run by Network SouthEast and Inter-City.

Mr Sidney Newey, the new director, said he expected its express services to match Inter-City's standards of frequency, comfort and reliability. However, provincial expresses will not have first class accommodation or restaurant cars, only a trolley service.

Mr Newey said the frequency of services would be increased by operating more, but smaller trains, and he hoped that the express services would attract business travellers.

Arch to bridge cultures

Two cultures with different customs will be linked today by a pair of scissors and a newly minted penny. In a cloak decorated with Ching dynasty gold filigree, Sonia (Abundant Love) Gar-en Tang will present the Duke of Edinburgh with the scissors to cut the ribbon and officially open the Imperial Archway in Manchester's Chinatown. The Duke will then hand Sonia, aged eight (beside the archway above), a new penny.

Just as the green and red archway signifies Chinese peace and harmony so the coin fulfils an old custom that whoever hands over any sharp instrument must be paid to avoid severing a friendship.

Photograph: Barry Greenwood

Quangos are a hard breed to put down

By David Walker
Public Administration Correspondent

Quangos are showing a remarkable capacity to survive repeated attempts by the politicians to kill them off.

According to the Government's annual survey of quasi non-governmental organizations, published yesterday, 66 have been set up in 1987, with the Ministry of Agriculture leading the way at 28.

Among other departments the Scottish Office, the Ministry of Defence and the Office of Arts and Libraries have been notable patrons of quangos.

The Ministry of Agriculture certainly has some quaint bodies under its wing. Its quangos include the Banana Trade Advisory Committee (which costs £3,000 a year to run), the Sugar Beet Research and Education Committee and the Consultative Panel on Badgers and Tuberculosis.

The Government said yesterday that quangos were under control. Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State in the Privy Council Office, said in total there were 15 fewer quangos in April this year than in 1986 and altogether 524 fewer than in 1979.

The current total stands at 1,643.

According to the survey they range from the Administration of Radioactive Substances Advisory Committee to the British Hallmarking Council.

Others include the Consultative Committee on Freshwater Fisheries in Scotland, the Welsh Pharmaceutical Committee and finally the YTS Certification Board.

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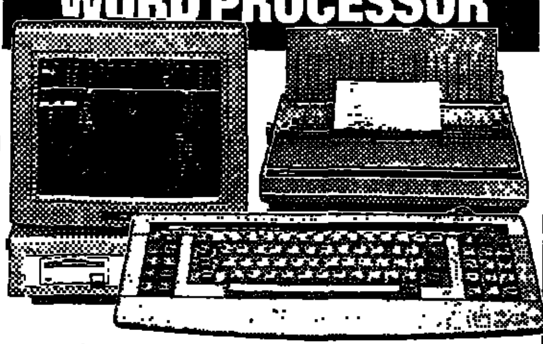

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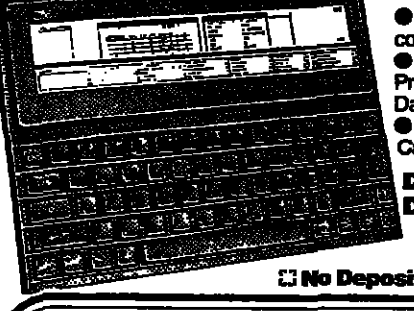

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Weekend food prices

Festive goose is in limited supply

For anyone considering goose for Christmas orders should go in as soon as possible as supplies are limited.

Geese are the only seasonal poultry left and fresh birds are available from Michaelmas to Christmas.

They are still reared in the traditional way, grazing in the fields for six months and "finished" on corn and other good things in the farmyard before slaughter. Goose has a distinctive flavour and the highest protein content of any poultry.

The bigger the bird the better the meat to bone ratio. The smallest birds weigh about 8-9lb, usually rising to 16lb although it is possible to get them weighing up to 20lb.

They will probably cost £2-£2.50 a lb and maybe cheaper if bought direct from the farm, although direct supplies are scarce.

Asda and Marks & Spencer will stock them nearer Christmas but prices have not been set yet. Meat prices are on an upward trend, including New Zealand lamb and pork which are normally steady.

All roasting joints are up from 1-3p a lb. Whole leg of pork costs between 92p and £1.29 a lb. Forerib of beef £1.22-£1.86 and whole leg of lamb £1.53 to £1.99.

Although fish supplies are good, prices are up somewhat throughout the country. Cod costs between £1.60 and £2.55 a lb, haddock £1.60-£2.72 a lb and plaice £1.20-£2.86. Cod, herring and mackerel are the best buys.

At Billingsgate, barracuda from the Seychelles was selling well at about £5.50 a lb. Also available are King fish between £3 and £3.20 a lb for whole fish and £4-£4.20 for steak and St Peter's fish from Israel between £1.90 and £2.20 a lb.

There is a good choice of shell fish including Colchester clams 30p each, Venus clams about £1.60 a lb, mussels from 50p a pint, marvellous Fines de Claires oysters from Normandy and native Pacific oyster at £5.90 a dozen.

All root vegetables are in good supply and prices have remained stable. English cauliflowers 40p-50p each are finishing and those imported from Jersey and Brittany are considerably more expensive, now 75p-£1 each.

Brussels sprouts are up about 5p a lb, now 25p-35p a lb. Other good buys are mushrooms 40-60p a ½lb and potatoes 10p-30p a lb.

As well as excellent home grown apples there are bright Red Delicious apples from Canada and the US between 35-55p a lb. Supplies of pineapples are building up for Christmas from 50p-£1.80 each depending on size.

Good meat offers this week include Tesco fresh chicken up to 3½lb in weight at 64p a lb, New Zealand lamb leg £1.29 a lb, rump steak £2.49 a lb. Dewhurst chickens 4lb to 4lb 14oz 59p a lb and 5lb-5lb 14oz 69p a lb. Marks and Spencer has 15p a lb off its lean minced beef.

Safeway Chukie frozen turkeys 55p a lb. Presto rolled brisket of beef £1.48 a lb and pork spare rib chops £1.08 a lb. Sainsbury's fresh chicken up to 3½lb 59p a lb and sirloin steak £3.58 a lb. Bejam beef topside top rump and silverside joints down 25p a lb to £1.69 a lb.

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Crash jet woman remains silent

Manama, Bahrain (AP) – An unidentified woman, believed linked to the crash of a Korean Air jet with 115 people on board, was yesterday said to be recovering here from a dose of poison, but refused to talk to South Korean and Japanese diplomats who tried to question her.

The woman and a male companion, also unidentified, swallowed poison while waiting to be questioned by airport immigration officials on Tuesday. The man later died. The pair, who are believed to have had North Korean connections, travelled on fake passports and left the Seoul-bound plane at Abu Dhabi.

● **JOHANNESBURG:** A tape-recording exists of the last 15 minutes of conversation on board the South African Airways jumbo jet which crashed into the Indian Ocean last Saturday with the loss of 160 lives, the airline said yesterday (Ray Kennedy writes). But the airline said the tape would not be released, as an official inquiry is pending. This was disputed by legal experts here.

Vanunu's defence

Jerusalem (Reuter) – Mr Mordechai Vanunu, the former nuclear technician, told a closed court here yesterday that he leaked Israeli atomic secrets to *The Sunday Times* for the benefit of the Jewish state, lawyers said.

His attorney, Mr Avigdor Feldman, said Mr Vanunu took the witness stand in two days of testimony to defend himself against treason and espionage charges before the three-judge court. Mr Vanunu, aged 33, was spirited back to Israel last year after telling the newspaper in Britain that Israel had been producing nuclear warheads for two decades.

Mr Uzi Hasson, the state prosecutor, said outside the court that "he (Vanunu) claimed he did what he did for ideological reasons".

UN plea on loan

New York – The United Nations faces bankruptcy by next August if member states do not allow the organization to borrow up to £28 million on the open market to cover heavy debts caused by Washington's failure to pay its dues (Charles Bremner writes).

Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, made his plea for authorization to borrow the money on Wednesday in a statement that said UN reserves were exhausted and "financial, political and institutional viability" in jeopardy. By far the largest debtor is the US, which owes £190 million after suspending contributions pending reforms to the UN budget. Approval is now being delayed by Congress.

Sikh leader arrested

Chandigarh (Reuter) – Police detained the head of the Sikh religion in Punjab yesterday and banned an anti-government march he was to have led on Delhi. About 100 police surrounded the home of the high priest, Darshan Singh, near Chandigarh and prevented him leaving. The Punjab police chief, Mr Julio Ribeiro, said the march had been stopped "to prevent large-scale trouble in Delhi". Police feared that the march would spark clashes between Sikhs and Hindus. Sikh leaders, however, said that the protest would go ahead despite the police ban.

Chilean released

Santiago – A Chilean Army officer, kidnapped on September 1 by the Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front, returned here yesterday after being freed in São Paulo, Brazil, on Wednesday night (Lake Sagaris writes). –

The group, which opposes the military Government of President Pinochet, seized Lieutenant-Colonel Carlos Carreno in Santiago. His release came after negotiations between his family and the Front, with a Catholic priest as mediator. They reached an agreement last week, with more than £31,000 worth of goods being delivered to poor communities.

Bukharin appeal

Moscow (Reuter) – A Moscow journal published yesterday a long-suppressed letter from Nikolai Bukharin, the executed Bolshevik revolutionary, calling on future Soviet leaders to clear the names of the victims of Stalin's purges.

The letter, apparently memorized by Bukharin's widow, recounts his feeling of "helplessness in the face of a hellish machine" seeking his physical destruction in 1938. Addressed to "A future generation of Soviet leaders," it appeared in the weekly *Moscow News*.

Bukharin has still not been formally exonerated of the charge of having been "an enemy of the people".

Police seize leaflets

Johannesburg – South African police yesterday raided the headquarters here of the South African Council of Churches and the anti-government United Democratic Front to seize UDF leaflets calling for a "people's Christmas against the (state of) emergency" (Ray Kennedy writes).

The UDF began distributing thousands of the leaflets on Wednesday. A police general said yesterday that they "may have security implications". Police headquarters in Pretoria said that the commissioner of the Witwatersrand division had decided that distribution of the leaflets was "not conducive" to ending the 18-month state of emergency.

Consultative role for Spain could influence hopes of Gibraltar prosperity

Madrid wins a voice in Rock's air future

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

Spain is to be given a consultative role in the development of Gibraltar's air services in a way which could determine whether British hopes of turning it into a Mediterranean equivalent of Hong Kong, with a booming economy based on financial services and tourism, will be borne out.

The larger than expected role provided for Madrid became clear yesterday when Britain and Spain published the agreement on Gibraltar airport reached at midnight on Wednesday at talks in London.

A key clause provides for regular consultation between the aeronautical authorities of the two countries on developing the airport's potential.

Any new air routes to be established through Gibraltar will be considered under these talks. The effect is to give Madrid a finger on the pulse of the economy, because without a vast expansion of air services Britain's aims for Gibraltar cannot be achieved. At present it is served by air routes from Britain and Morocco, but has no direct links with other countries.

It is well understood in Whitehall that the consultative role issue could play a part in Gibraltar's elections early next year.

Sir Geoffrey Howe's statement that the agreement fully preserves British sovereignty over Gibraltar may be questioned because of the consultative element. But Whitehall replies that Britain has given the people of Gibraltar a veto power over the part of the deal which most directly affects them.

Unless Gibraltar's House of Assembly passes legislation approving the deal, there will be no change and Spain will remain without access to the airport. If approved, Madrid will then have a time limit of one year to implement the agreement.

The effect is to present the Gibraltarians with a clear choice. If their answer is yes, the economic benefits will start to be felt within a year, but so will the obligation to take account of Spanish views on new air routes. If they reject it, nothing will change but there will be a risk of still greater isolation.

But the Gibraltarian veto power does not extend to the new European "Free Skies" policy. The air liberalization directive which transport ministers of the 12 EEC nations are now expected to approve in Brussels on Monday will go ahead without Gibraltar for the moment.

Spain and Britain agreed that Gibraltar's airport would be "suspended" from being affected by the European legislation unless and until Gibraltar passed its own enabling legislation. Sir Geoffrey faced some opposition from both Spain and Gibraltar in reaching this compromise. The Spanish were opposed to Gibraltar being given the veto, and the Gibraltarians were uncomfortable with the provision for consultation.

Whitehall sources saw the agreement yesterday as a balance between the Government's overriding determination to open up air transport in Europe to free competition, and its long-standing promises not to change the status of Gibraltar without the consent of the Gibraltarians.

Gibraltar's airport lies alongside the border between the Rock and mainland Spain. Under the agreement the Spanish authorities will build a new air terminal on their side of the border with a gate to allow passengers through.

Passengers arriving at the airport from any destination but travelling to Spain will pass through the Spanish terminal without being affected by Gibraltar's immigration and customs control. The same will apply for outward-bound passengers travelling from Spain. But passengers travelling to and from Gibraltar will continue to use the Gibraltarian facilities.

Gibraltarian mood still against concessions

From Dominique Searle, Gibraltar

There will be no speedy moves in Gibraltar towards passing legislation required for an agreement allowing Spanish use of the colony's airport, even though the Rock will be left out of the EEC cheaper air fares package until it changes its mind.

Nobody here is pleased that Gibraltar is faced with such a serious decision, but it is clear that the form of the agreement has renewed confidence in the British position concerning sovereignty.

If a decision one way or the other were demanded today, it would overwhelmingly go against joint use. Gibraltarians would opt for the consequences of exclusion.

Sir Joshua Hassan, the Chief Minister, and his party have expressed satisfaction in the "choice element" of the package, which Mr Joe Bossano, the Opposition leader, interprets as Spain accepting that Gibraltar has a veto on joint use.

Sir Joshua has not indicated which option he intends to encourage, but made clear that he will not use his majority vote to pass automatically the required legislation. He said he regretted that exclusion is one effect of the Anglo-Spanish agreement.

The news broke on the Rock in yesterday morning's *Gibraltar Chronicle* under the headline "Airport Choice". There was confusion later when Spanish reports were insisting that joint use was simply going ahead, but later in the afternoon Señor Francisco Fernández Ordóñez, the Spanish Foreign Minister, said on Spanish national radio that Spain will comply with its obligation and expects Britain to do likewise.

Mr Bossano remains firmly against the Brussels agreement and stands by the "no concessions" banner which 12,500 Gibraltarians — half the local population — carried in protest in the streets a fortnight ago.

Mr Bossano said yesterday he had studied the text of the agreement and that it was clear to him that there were elements on joint use which were "clearly unacceptable". He believes that, as far as Gibraltar is concerned, nothing will happen.

"We will be out of the package, in which we have a legal right to be included," he said, adding that it would have been better for Gibraltar to have been excluded last June.

However, Mr Bossano described Britain granting Gibraltar a choice as "an important step forward".

With elections due in the next few months, Gibraltar's politicians know that it would be difficult to win on the basis of supporting joint use.

Gibraltar is more likely to sit and watch what effect the package has on the rest of the Community before the live nerve of sovereignty over the airport calms sufficiently for a full appraisal of the economic and political implications of that package to be made.

● *MADRID:* Spain's opposition parties were yesterday expressing rare public praise for the Socialist Government, which is seen as having advanced national interests by agreeing with Britain over future use of Gibraltar airport (Richard Wigg writes).

Spanish commentators cited as achievements Spain's ability in future to use the airport under the same conditions as British airlines, and the building of a Spanish terminal to exercise immigration and customs controls.

Expatriates pleased

Gibraltar – British pensioners who settled on the Costa del Sol and have been hard hit by the steep rise in Spain's cost of living are likely to welcome the development of an international airport here (Dominique Searle writes). It would mean cheaper flights home and would help to curb the thriving black market in air tickets, particularly from Málaga.

Gibraltar often offers competitive prices for London and Manchester flights, but frontier delays make the journey awkward. Travellers have to pass through Spanish and British Customs.

Nearby Sotogrande – a playground for the rich – would particularly welcome increased flights with easier access. But the British are less likely to notice the impact than the West Germans and Scandinavians, who mostly live on Spain's Atlantic coast. They would be able to fly home direct from the island and would thus avoid the dangerous roads leading to Málaga.

Patriarch's rare Rome visit

The Pope embracing Patriarch Dimetrios I of Constantinople, the leader of the Eastern Orthodox Church, yesterday in Rome. It was only the sixth meeting between Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox heads since the churches split in 1054 (Reuter reports). The Patriarch is set to come to Britain next week to meet the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie.

● Charges dropped: An Italian public prosecutor yesterday rejected demands for convictions against three Turks charged with taking part in a plot to kill the Pope in 1981, because of lack of evidence.

Famine warning 'worked'

From Paul Vallely, Mekele, Ethiopia

Flying north from Addis Ababa, the story of another Ethiopian famine unfolded beneath the light aircraft carrying Bob Geldof.

In the fertile southern highlands of Shoa, the fields were a patchwork of colours reflecting a variety of agricultural success.

But in Tigré provincehundreds of miles of fruitless dust stretch out, reflecting a UN survey showingthere has been almost total crop failure.

Bob Geldof and his Band Aid party landed first in Alomata. Last time, this was the site of a camp where doctors decided which children should live and which should die.

Now it was a less desperate fight. About 6,000 hungry peasants were gathered for the distribution of a monthly ration.

In Korem, the vast plains where 70,000 despairing people had once lived in squalor and degradation bore the stubble of a fresh harvest. By the side of the road 6,000 people were refusing food aid. Up the road to Sekota 6,000 more waited to move in.

The contrast to 1984 was marked. Boys played football. Girls chased one another between piles of sacks.

Bob Geldof surveyed the scene with evident pleasure. "It is enormously heartening. These people are hungry, of course. But they are now getting enough to sustain life.

"It means that lessons were learnt from last time. The early warning systems which were set up have worked."

Socialists' five-year milestone

González fights off critics

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, this week celebrated five years in power at the head of the longest-running democratic government the country has had this century by defending his drive to attract investment and combat inflation.

When the Socialists took office in 1982, inflation was running at 15 per cent. Señor González's Government is now battling to reach the year's end with a 5 per cent annual rate and has set the target for 1988 at 3 per cent.

"I cannot go against investment, for that would be to be against the first priority of this Government, to create jobs," the Prime Minister emphasized in a radio interview.

To help curb inflationary pressure and to encourage investors' returns, the Government took on the trade unions this autumn, limiting wage increases to about 5 per cent. Spain under Señor González is aiming for an annual growth rate of 4 per cent.

Spain's problems, he admits, are far from resolved. But with fears of destabilization by once-powerful armed forces now banished, a democracy functioning reasonably well, and membership of the EEC, he believes a framework has been established to overcome these problems.

As if desiring, above all, to answer working-class voters and critics in his own party, the Prime Minister said economic policies were only instruments to create national wealth and permit more spending on education, health and justice. The wealth, however, must be distributed "from a progressive standpoint", he said.

Señor González struck a cautious note over the fight against terrorism, despite the series of successes against Eta, the Basque separatist organization. One extremely violent attack could obliterate the successes, he said.

COMMENTARY

Geoffrey Smith

Summit is to yield more than photos

I was surprised at how rarely next week's Reagan-Gorbachov summit was raised in discussion as I travelled around the United States last month. When I left a week ago there was none of the excited anticipation that might have been expected.

Perhaps that was because informed political and economic opinion was preoccupied by the budget deficit. But I am sure there were other reasons as well.

The Republican right has misgivings about this meeting because it is dubious about disarmament deals with the Soviet Union and fears that Mr Reagan is too eager to strike one, or more than one. Others favour such agreements in principle but doubt whether this President is the man to negotiate with the Soviet leader, especially after the experience of Reykjavik.

The suspicion that Mr Gorbachov's visit to Washington might be designed, on the American side at least, as essentially a publicity event has the paradoxical effect of diminishing public interest.

In itself that is no bad thing. It must be wise for the leaders of the two most powerful countries in the world to develop a closer personal knowledge of each other, but that would be impossible if they were expected to reach agreements of substance every time they met. Or, worse still, there might be a dangerous pressure to reach unwise or imperfectly negotiated settlements.

It was interesting that both the presidential candidates I met, the Republican Senator Dole and the Democratic Governor Dukakis of Massachusetts, favoured regular annual meetings between the President of the United States and the leader of the Soviet Union without the drama and exaggerated expectations that have so often attended such occasions in the past.

But next week's meeting is in fact intended on both sides to be much more than just a glorified photo opportunity. It will, in the first place, confirm an agreement on INF.

There may, however, be a good deal more than that. I was told from within the Administration in Washington last month that there was a 75 per cent chance of a settlement on strategic arms (Start) being ready by the late spring.

Some compromise could be worked out on SDI, possibly banning deployment for 10 years, that would not stop the United States from doing something that it would otherwise be capable of doing.

The two leaders could agree next week that they would aim to have a Start treaty ready for signing when President Reagan visits Moscow. There might also be new initiatives on chemical weapons and conventional forces.

From a European standpoint such developments would be a mixture of good and bad news. It must be in all our interests to secure a balance of strength at a lower level of arms, provided that such a balance is indeed preserved. So it is necessary to look carefully at each specific agreement.

The proposed INF treaty, providing for the complete elimination of all medium-range nuclear missiles, is not to my mind in Western Europe's interest. But it is too late for European Governments to object. The worst of all worlds would be for them to scheme behind the back of the Reagan Administration for the rejection of the treaty in the Senate.

What is critical now is that if such an INF deal does go through it should not become the beginning of a process of American withdrawal from Europe. There is, I think, too great a tendency on this side of the Atlantic to regard a major rundown of American troops in Europe as inevitable.

US troops must stay in Europe

The budgetary pressures on the United States are obvious and were emphasized to Nato defence ministers in Brussels this week. A great many Americans feel that their European allies ought to be doing more for their own defence. But I was struck that even someone as dovish on general defence policy as Governor Dukakis should be emphatic about keeping a significant American conventional defence presence in Western Europe.

America prepares for Gorbachov

Welders help to tackle security pitfalls

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov will turn the Washington rush-hour into bedlam on Monday. He hates helicopters and has insisted that he travel the 11 miles from Andrews Air Force base into the city by motorcade. He will take to the road at 5pm precisely, along with hundreds of thousands of office workers who are destined for a delayed journey to the suburbs.

The Secret Service will cover every inch of the Russian leader's journey and is welding shut every manhole cover along his route to the Soviet Embassy on 16th Street. Mr Gorbachov is staying at the Soviet Ambassador's residence. Hundreds of Soviet officials will book into the 400-room Madison Hotel and the 40-room Dolley Madison Hotel near by.

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and his wife will meet Mr and Mrs Gorbachov off the plane at 4.40pm. At the same time Secret Service agents with bomb-sniffing dogs will conduct last-minute checks of every sewer, mailbox, building and bridge within rifle shot of the route. Roads will be closed so that the motorcade can thunder through.

Parked cars along the route will be towed away and barricades will be erected on Monday. Vagrants will be searched and checked constantly, but not necessarily forced to move on.

The Federal Aviation Administration will ban planes and helicopters from flying over motorcade routes and certain parts of Washington throughout Mr Gorbachov's four-day stay.

The Secret Service will be kept on the highest possible alert. "We are responsible for anywhere Mr Gorbachov goes in this country," a spokesman said. 'It's our duty to protect him at all costs, just like we do for the President."

Mr Gorbachov will be protected by more than 1,000 officers from the Secret Service, Washington Metropolitan Police, US Park Police, the Military Police and Prince George's County Police in Maryland. Demonstrators will be kept at least 500ft away from the Soviet Embassy and a Secret Service command post is being established somewhere near the building.

Welding down manhole covers is a rare and extreme measure believed to have been carried out once before in Washington, during President Reagan's second inaugural celebration. Even if Mr Gorbachov had travelled by helicopter – as he had been expected to do – the same precaution would have been carried out in case bad weather forced him to drive.

The Secret Service adamantly refused to say whether special surveillance was planned for any Soviet emigrés who might bear a grudge.

A spokesman said that protecting a Soviet leader required special tact because his official party included dozens of KGB and GRU military intelligence agents "who will want to stay very close to him".

An elite group of US agents will accompany Mr Gorbachov, but it is not clear if they will mix with Soviet agents. "That's still being worked out," a Secret Service official said. "We also have to decide where our agents will be stationed around the Soviet Embassy."

Eighty-one Soviet journalists are staying at the Vista International Hotel and about 60 of them have been in town since Tuesday, along with 34 Soviet diplomats who included Mr Genady Gerasimov, Moscow's chief foreign affairs spokesman.

Between 3,000 and 5,000 foreign journalists will join a roughly equal number of American journalists covering the summit. Both superpowers have established press briefing offices at the same hotel, with promises of mountains of information and access to an infinite array of experts. It is being called the battle of the briefings.

Mr Gorbachov and his wife Raisa are not planning to leave the city during their stay. Mrs Gorbachov will take tea with Mrs Nancy Reagan at the White House and visit some exhibitions. The Soviet side has suggested that she see the Phillips Collection, a small but rich gallery of Old Masters and Impressionist art.

She will probably visit an exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution of paintings and drawings by Leonid Pasternak, a turn-of-the-century artist and father of the writer Boris Pasternak. That would send a signal back to Moscow that the writer was now fully rehabilitated.

Mr Gorbachov has sent word that he does not want to be decked out like a well-dressed capitalist for the Reagans' black-tie dinner on Tuesday. He will wear his everyday suit. The White House said that was fine, but the invitations would still specify "black tie". There are precedents for spurning a dinner suit. Mr Khrushchev did so at a dinner President Eisenhower gave in 1959. And 14 years later Mr Brezhnev wore a business suit when President Nixon threw a state banquet.

The entertainment at the state dinner will be highbrow. Van Cliburn, who dazzled Moscow in 1958 by winning the Tchaikovsky Competition, will perform – the first public concert by the American pianist in nearly a decade.

Moscow – The Soviet Union yesterday dismissed as "contrived" allegations by President Reagan that it is violating the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty and warned that the charges could harm the mood for next week's summit (A Correspondent writes). Mr Yuri Gremitskikh, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, reaffirmed the Kremlin's invitation to US officials to make an on-site inspection of the radar installations that President Reagan claimed were in violation of the pact.

"This report uses past arguements and once again makes an attempt to accuse the soviet union of alleged non-compliance with treaty obligations", it said.

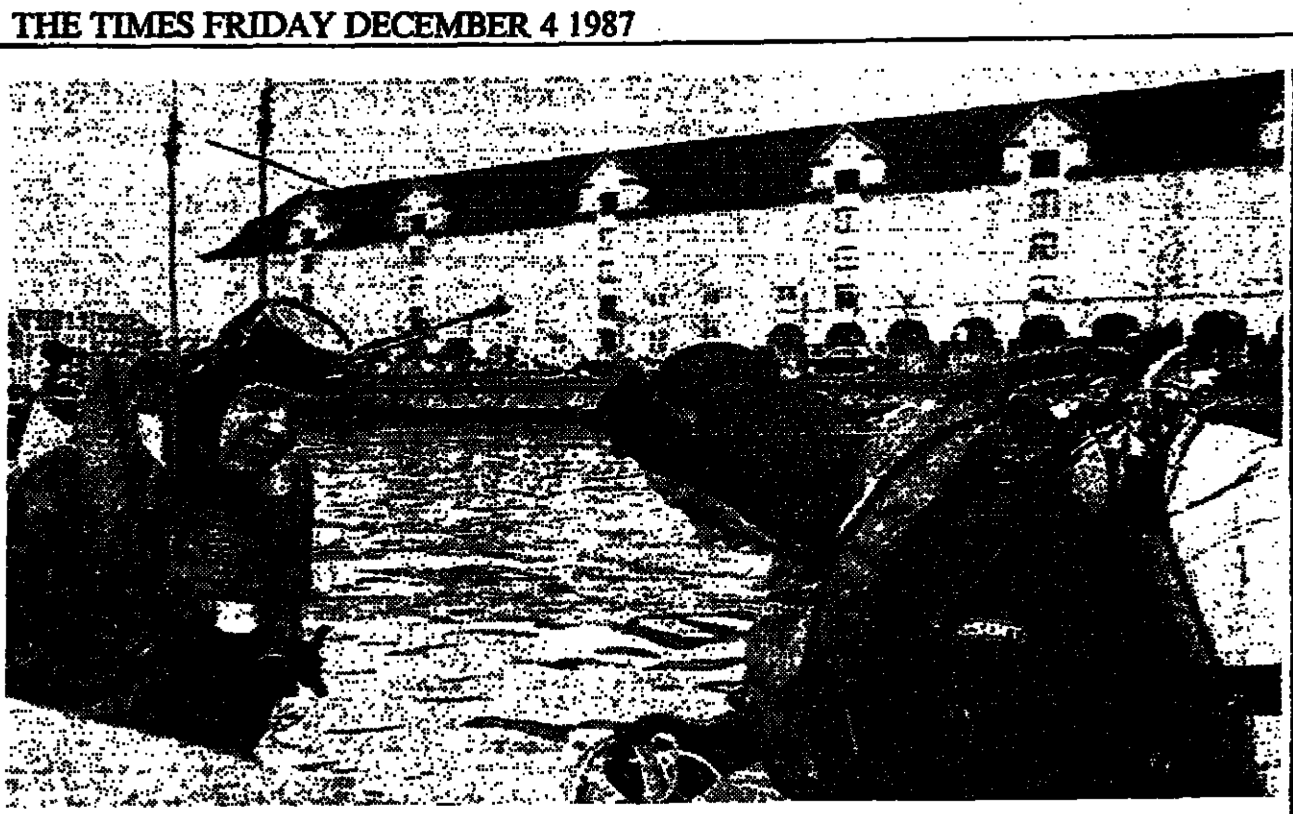
"Among such patently contrived allegations, the report this time includes accusations about the so-called new breach of the abm treaty," the statement said. "In this context the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR declares that the Soviet Union regards this attempt by the US side to revitalize this issue on the eve of the visit of General Secretary Gorbachov to the United States – the problem of so-called violations of the ABM treaty – as a step that is not condusive to a businesslike and constructive atmosphere in Soviet-American relations."

The Kremlin's reaction to this year's annual report on Soviet compliance with arms control treaties was mild, however, compared to previous denunciations of President Reagan, in an apparent attempt to try to keep the mood as positive as possible before the summit meeting.

In his annual report to the US Congress on Soviet arms control treaty violations, Mr Reagan said that in addition to an earlier violation involving a Soviet radar station at Krasnoyarsk in eastern Siberia, new radar stations dubbed "Pawn Shop" and "Flat Twin" at Gomel in the Ukraine south-west of Moscow were in violation of the 1972 pact.

Thatcher brings the Nelson touch to Community summit

From Richard Owen, Copenhagen



Danish Navy divers emerging yesterday in front of the Eigtveds Pakhus, the site of the European summit, after combing the water for suspicious objects. Copenhagen is mounting a tight security operation on its southern island, the old dock site (Christopher Follett writes). More than 2,000 politicians, advisers, diplomats and journalists are expected to converge on the Danish capital. The EEC leaders will confer in the elegant, timbered rooms of the former warehouse built in 1738 for the Danish Asiatic Company, which was founded by King Christian VI.

Mrs Thatcher flew into an icy Copenhagen yesterday with the glint of battle in her eye, determined to take on almost all other EEC countries at the European summit on a range of crucial issues: farm spending, the British budget rebate, the future of European defence, and EEC solidarity against terrorism.

"This is the battle of Copenhagen all over again," one diplomat in the Danish capital said. "The Prime Minister is firing on all cylinders".

He was referring to the attack on Copenhagen of 1801 by Nelson, when the Danes had allied themselves to the French. Nelson refused to withdraw despite heavy losses, holding the telescope to his blind eye to avoid seeing the signal to retreat. "Mrs Thatcher is in similar mood", one diplomat remarked.

Officials said Mrs Thatcher had come with the aim of securing an agreement. The EEC, still grappling with the consequences of its enlargement to 12 members, is faced with a north-south split over spending and a crisis over the ever-expanding farm budget.

The Community faces bankruptcy next year with a predicted shortfall of some £4,000 million. M Jacques Delors, President of the European Commission, who devised the EEC financial reform plan, said that failure at Copenhagen would endanger the EEC's vision of a completed internal market without frontiers by 1992.

British officials welcomed the resolution of the Anglo-Spanish dispute over Gibraltar airport, saying it would not only pave the way for a deal on cheaper air fares after the summit, but also ease Mrs Thatcher's relations with Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister.

But Mrs Thatcher remains at odds with most other leaders, including Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany and M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister.

Denmark, which holds the EEC presidency until the end of the year, called for unity and solidarity. Mr Schluter, the Danish Prime Minister, said that he was convinced Mrs Thatcher fully shared his appeal for "give and take".

"No one can be a leader of a European nation without fully understanding the necessity for all 12 of us jointly to take steps forward," he said.

The key problem is that Britain wants strict limits on farm spending as a precondition for other financial reforms. But West Germany and France object to proposed automatic penalties for excessive farm output known as "stabilizers".

There is also sharp controversy over a proposed change in EEC revenue collection, including a suggested national wealth tax based on Gross National Product. That would involve altering Britain's budget rebate.

In a letter to EEC leaders on the eve of today's summit, Mr Schluter said the new revenue system implied a reduction in the British £2,000 million annual rebate of some £200 million. In a sharply worded reply, Mrs Thatcher insisted on detailed farm cuts and dismissed the idea of a rebate reduction as "wholly arbitrary".

She insisted that the conditions prevailing in 1984, when the rebate was agreed at Fontainebleau, still applied. M Delors added fuel to the flames by remarking that stabilizers were not the only key to farm control and by insisting that, as Britain had become more prosperous since 1984, it could afford to contribute to the growing costs of a Community enlarged to include Spain and Portugal.

Mr Schluter said a compromise based on general principles of reform, perhaps with some details to be worked out afterwards, was still possible. Mrs Thatcher meets Chancellor Kohl at breakfast today to try to break the deadlock. But the West German Farmers' Union have warned the Chancellor to resist "stupid" British demands for farming cuts.

Observers said that if Copenhagen failed, the prospects were gloomy for a deal at the next EEC summit in June, 1988, in Hanover at the end of the forthcoming West German presidency.

Vietnam coup plotters jailed

Ho Chi Minh City (AFP) – Sixteen Vietnamese charged with trying to overthrow the Government were jailed yesterday for between three years and life.

The People's Supreme Court here acquitted one man who agreed to help the authorities and gave another a three-year suspended sentence.

The 18 accused, arrested in August in Laos as they tried to infiltrate Vietnam to set up anti-government bases, were alleged by the prosecution to have had US and Thai backing.

Escaper held

Lucerne (Reuter) – Police arrested a second of five men who broke out of prison last month with Charles Altieri, a drug operator linked to the notorious "French Connection" ring, who is still on the run.

In mourning

Bhopal (AP) – This central Indian city was virtually shut down to mark the third anniversary of the gas leak that killed more than 2,800 people in the world's worst industrial accident.

Satellite deal

Peking (AP) – China will launch a Swedish scientific experiment and telecommunications satellite in 1991.

Poison well

Harare (AP) – Two children died and 33 classmates are in hospital after drinking water from a contaminated well near their school.

Hindu talks

Kathmandu, Nepal (AP) – More than 1,000 people are expected to attend a world Hindu conference here in March, officials said.

Duvalier's bogeymen come back with a vengeance to haunt Haiti

From Alan Tomlinson
Port au Prince

When darkness falls only shadows move in this frightened city as hundreds of its residents slip out of town to hide in the hills. Many who remain sleep under their beds.

By day there are few who will speak to a *blanc*, as the Creoles refer to most foreigners here. Those who dare, tell of arrests and disappearances in the night, sometimes by soldiers but most often by men in civilian clothes.

In the aftermath of Sunday's election day violence, when more than 30 people were murdered as they waited to vote, Haitians are slowly coming to grips with its worst fear – the Tontons Macoute are back on the prowl.

The bogeymen, as their nickname means in French, are the terrifying private militia that sustained the Duvalier family in power for 28 years. They fled with the Duvaliers early last year and were officially disbanded. Some people believe they took refuge in areas loyal to the old regime; others suggest they have been in hiding in army barracks.

On Sunday they returned in strength to wreck Haiti's first general election for 30 years in a way that surpassed even their own reputation for brutality. Since then they have maintained a level of fear not felt here since the heyday of "Papa Doc" Duvalier.

Well-known members of the group are rumoured to have returned to their old neighbourhoods. The Macoute calling cards, a daub of red paint or a red spot stuck on a piece of white paper, are reappearing on front doors.

The dread is felt worst in areas where resistance to the latest violence has been keenest, particularly in the dusty, cobblestoned streets of Carrefour-Feuilles, where vigilante committees killed and burnt a notorious Macoute known as "Café Amer", or Bitter Coffee, at a roadblock last week.

Signs that the Army is working with the Tontons Macoute have shattered any confidence the people might have had in Haiti's caretaker military Government reorganizing the suspended election fairly and democratically. "We will never vote under elections run by the Government," said one man. "We want foreign countries to come here, throw them out and give us proper elections. If the *blancs* don't help us, we'll never make it."

The leaders of many of the most prominent political parties have been conferring in search of a way forward, but unity is proving elusive. Where statements have been made, they have tended to be cautious, with the exception of one candidate, the Christian Democrat, Mr Sylvio Claude, who has called for foreign intervention and a campaign of civil disobedience including a general strike unless the Government resigns at once.

Several leading politicians have indicated their unwillingness to take part in any elections organized by the military junta. For its part, the rulers have invited non-governmental groups to nominate new members to an electoral council that would reorganize ballots.

Meanwhile, one of the most influential figures in the Roman Catholic Church has called for the prompt removal of the caretaker Government. Mgr Willy Romelus, the Bishop of Jérémie, a south-western city, said it was now clear that the Haitian people could not hold general elections under the country's present leadership.

Vigilante mothers fight Camorra's school drug trade

From Roger Boyes, Naples

The typical Neapolitan drug dealer does not shave, has a squeaky voice and likes to read. *Batman* comics are his favourite. He is 14 years old, and if the mothers catch him hanging around the playground again they will give him a good beating and hand him over to the police.

For three weeks mothers in Naples old town have been staking out school playgrounds watching for juvenile peddlers. The big drug distributors (150 are known to the police) have moved into the playground and are using adolescents, who cannot be sent to jail, as their salesmen.

For each sale of soft drugs or amphetamines, they get between £4 and £10; for regular customers they get a bonus. Thirty drug-taking schoolchildren have died in Naples this year. The police, unable to patrol every school, where transactions occur mainly during the lunch break, tolerate the vigilante mothers.

The vigilante action does more than illustrate the squalid practices of the drug business. It shows the limits of tolerance to organized crime.

In Sicily, the main Mafia families would not tolerate the sale of drugs in Sicilian schools. In Naples, the Camorra, which fulfils the Mafia role and has the drug-trade monopoly, has fewer scruples. The result is that the police, while still ineffective, are receiving better tip-offs and more co-operation.

The Camorra draws protection money from about 26,000 businesses in the Naples area. That includes everything from building companies, fruit and vegetable markets and underground glove and shoe factories to well-known boutiques and supermarket chains.

The traditional postwar money-maker has been cigarette smuggling, and it is estimated that 200,000 Neapolitans benefit from its proceeds. Every morning about 20 launches meet ships moored off Naples and cases of American cigarettes are unloaded. Up to 30,000 duty-free cases a year – worth tens of millions of pounds – are being handled by the Camorra and are sold in the area or farther afield. The trade brings in a substantial profit – cigarettes are heavily taxed – but it is vulnerable to the fluctuation of the dollar.

The two main Camorra branches, the so-called New Family and the New Organized Camorra, moved into drugs as a hedge against currency movements and to pre-empt other criminal organizations. Even so, there has been until now a rather diffident attitude towards drug processing, perhaps because there was no real desire to challenge the Sicilian Mafia families predominant in the trade. Signor Raffaele Cutulo, head of one Camorra branch, is said to be opposed to drug users in his organization. Drug selling, however, appears to be all right.

The public tolerance of the Camorra has been a complex matter. First, Naples is almost ungovernable. In Bourbon Naples, the Camorra often ran the state or collaborated with the authorities in keeping order. It is a secret society; oaths are sworn and blood sucked from the wrists of men proposed as new members. As in liberated Sicily, postwar Naples was run as a coalition between the Americans and the reconstituted Camorra. The process was aided by the likes of Vito Genovese, a clan chief in America, who surfaced as a liaison officer in Naples during the war.

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In the absence of effective government – in 1984 Naples had no fewer than five mayors – the Camorra has been accepted as a way of getting things done.

It draws its authority from everyday Neapolitan life, based on family connections and neighbourhood alliances. Few people betray a Camorra member, not because of possible vendettas – although revenge killings account for 200 murders a year in the Naples area – but because it is as unthinkable as denouncing a relative. The other main factor in public support for the Camorra is their economic contribution to a depressed area. This seems to explain the remarkable lack of action by the police against the cigarette smugglers, who trade openly.

But now the Camorra, having become an ersatz administration, is feeling the bite of a disgruntled populace.

Drugs have brought the matter to a head. But as the Neapolitan infrastructure creaks under the strain of poverty, so the Camorra is blamed more frequently than the town hall for social problems.

Water was strictly rationed in Naples throughout the summer. Who was to blame? The businessmen who should have built the pipes – businessmen, it was assumed, who had the approval of the Camorra.

Can the Camorra continue to survive if Neapolitans turn against it? Most people here seem to think so, but organized crime will have to become more responsive to the needs of the people who give it shelter.

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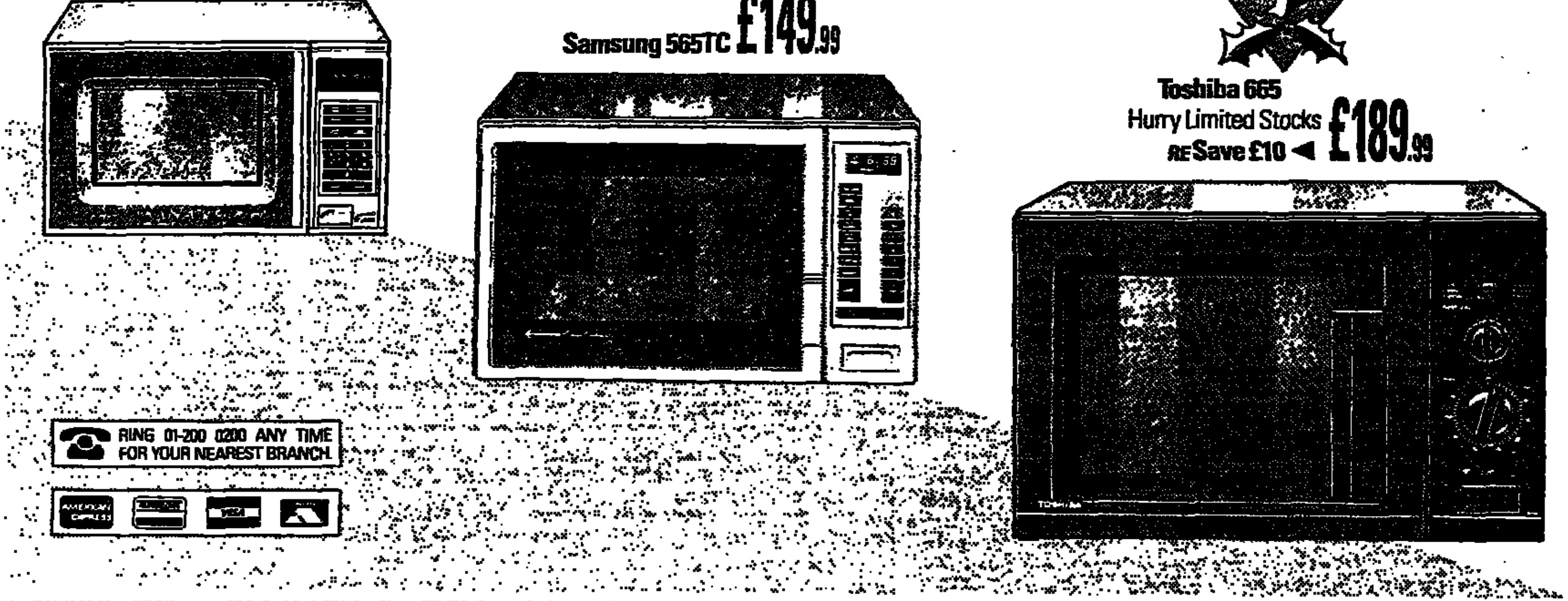

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Disciplinary action follows Israel's humiliating night of the hang-gliders

General punishes 'second-class' soldiers

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

General Dan Shomron, the Israeli Chief of Staff, has ordered tough disciplinary measures against what he has called "the second-class soldiers" who were surprised in their camp last week during the so-called night of the hang-gliders.

Six soldiers were killed and seven wounded when a gunman, who had flown into northern Israel from Lebanon by hang-glider, stormed into the camp. After an inquiry into why – despite a 20-minute warning – the camp was not on alert, General Shomron has ordered that a brigade operations officer, who was in command, should be dismissed and put on trial along with a guard who fled.

A brigade commander, though appointed only a month before and not present, is to be transferred because he bore responsibility for the unit. The brigadier-general in overall command has been reprimanded.

The investigation into the incident has also been critical of military ingelligence, which failed to warn that hang-glider attacks were about to be resumed by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (General Command) of Ahmed Jibril, which is known to have organized the raid.

Recommendations for change in Israel's northern defences have been drawn up, but no details are being disclosed. A major-general is to be appointed to inquire into the "norms of activity in the face of the enemy as expressed during this incident".

The Government is considering how to eliminate future hang-glider attacks, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, told the Foreign Press Association yesterday. "We are convinced the terrorist organization involved is functioning under the protection and with the consent of the Syrian Government... We will have to decide what to do about it and how to respond to it, and how to eliminate a repetition of such acts."

The attack has already passed into legend in the depressed refugee camps, inspiring enthusiasm for resistance to Israeli occupation. A gulf separates each side's account of what happened.

The Israeli version is that the sound of two light engines was detected over the so-called "buffer zone" which Israel controls in south Lebanon.

A warning was immediately flashed to the border settlements and army camps and, according to the preliminary report, all but one responded

However, according to Palestinian sources, four hang-gliders were involved. This is supported in a statement from the Ahmed Jibril group that two gliders were piloted by Palestinians, one by the Syrian who died attacking the camp and the last by a Tunisian, who was shot down in the "buffer zone".

A photograph issued by the PFLP (General Command) claiming to show two members who died in the hang-glider raid.

The Palestinians claim that their two men also succeeded in flying into Israel and landed with the Syrian close to the camp.

Although the Syrian was shot dead, this version has it that the Palestinians escaped and are now ready for another attack. The Palestinians say at least 39 were killed or wounded, three times the official figure.

● **Expulsion order:** Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, signalled yesterday at a meeting of the Foreign Press Association that he will ignore protests by the US State Department and expel Mr Mubarak Awad, a Jerusalem-born American citizen who advocates non-violent resistance to Israeli occupation and whose tourist visa expired two weeks ago.

Kuwait to bolster anti-Iran defences with new missiles

From Nicholas Beeston, Sea Island Terminal, Kuwait

No one saw the 18ft-long projectile when it skimmed across the water and crashed into this strategic oil terminal six weeks ago, but the blunt message from Tehran's Silkworm battery 60 miles away is still reverberating through this vulnerable emirate.

At least 100 engineers were working yesterday to repair the terminal's pipeline, replace the buckled metal platform and patch up the 15ft hole where the Chinese-made missile had punched its way into the slop tank.

The attack on October 22, the eighth bombardment on Kuwaiti targets this year, and claims by Tehran on Tuesday that more surface-to-surface missiles are on their way to the front, has forced Kuwait to embark on a rapid defence-spending programme.

For the time being, the terminal – part of the massive Mina al-Ahmadi oil complex south of Kuwait City – is protected by scores of miniature decoy barges intended to lure radar-guided missiles off target by producing signals the size of a supertanker.

But as Sheikh Salim al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti Defence Minister, explained yesterday, further protection is on its way from Britain, France or the United States in the form of anti-missile missiles.

"We are ready to defend Kuwaiti territories if the Iranians miss their way and try to come down to Kuwait," he explained, referring to an expected offensive by Tehran on the southern front of its war with Iraq. He said that Kuwait would decide in two or three weeks whether to buy British *Sea Wolf missiles*, the most effective but costly system on the market, or opt for the French Roland or Crotale missiles or the American Hawks

The minister added that Kuwait was also seeking to buy two anti-mine ships. The choice is expected to be between the new Vosper Thorneycroft Sandown-class minehunter and its two European rivals, respectively an Italian vessel and a joint French-Belgian-Dutch design.

A brigade of Gulf Co-operation Council troops from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Qatar is stationed at the King Khaled base in Saudi Arabia near the Kuwaiti border to defend Kuwait against an Iranian ground assault.

Kuwait's well-equipped but relatively small 12,000-man armed forces would stand no chance against the hundreds of thousands of Iranian combat troops stationed only 80 miles to the north-east.

The Japanese nightmare

Priced out of a home in land of the rising yen

From David Watts, Tokyo

Young couples setting up home in the inner suburbs of Tokyo have to pay almost £50,000 for a piece of land the size of this page.

Last year a Tokyo housewife turned down an offer of £230,000 for her suburban flat 40 minutes from the city centre. Less than 12 months later the going price was three times that.

She is one of the lucky ones, if she can afford to pay sky-rocketing land taxes. But for many of the middle class the dream of owning their own home has become an impossible nightmare of mind-boggling prices which can be paid off only with a two-generation mortgage.

While the rest of the world watches in envy as Japan becomes ever richer, its companies seemingly buying up everything in sight from van Goghs to Scottish hotels, the reality for ordinary Japanese is that they are being virtually priced out of their own country.

Mrs Mieko Hiratani works for a public relations company. She and her husband are in their late twenties. They thought they had found a flat that they could afford. It was nothing special, a tiny apartment just one hour from the centre of Tokyo with a floor area the size of two London bedsits, into which Japanese builders managed to cram two rooms and a dining-room-cum-kitchen.

But the £150,000 price was 10 times her husband's annual salary, and even with both of them contributing to the £350 monthly payments they would have had to renounce spending on leisure for the *25-year term* of their mortgage and commit £1,700 from their twice-yearly company bonuses to the repayments. The burden was too much and they abandoned the idea of buying.

The Hiratanis' story is repeated all across Japan's so-called middle class, the backbone of the country's industrial and bureaucratic strength. Land prices in Tokyo rose by up to 93 per cent last year and the wave effect out from the centre of the city has spread beyond commuter-land to lap the foot of Mt Fuji.

In outlying districts some prices have risen 130 per cent *over the last year*. Though some city centre prices have levelled off, commuter-land prices have not, making the owning of a home only a dream for many people in what is now the world's second-richest country.

The National Land Agency calls the situation intolerable, but after two years of astronomic increases the Government is thinking only now of formulating a comprehensive policy to try to control prices. For the new Government of Mr Noboru Takeshita, there is no more pressing issue, but *even formulation of that policy* is expected to take at least another year.

"We Japanese just accept these things. We're not like Westerners," said a young woman who can hardly hope to have her own home unless she marries someone in show-business.

Meanwhile, the country's three biggest estate agencies record staggering business. The biggest, Mitsui Real Es*tate*, had a turnover of 320.7 billion yen in the last financial year. The income of property firms is up 315 per cent since 1984 and 39.2 billion yen in income went unreported for tax purposes last year, according to the Tokyo Tax Bureau.

The very wealth of Japan, the enormous amount of loose cash in the economy and the greed of estate agents and big corporations has helped to increase the spiral.

The sharp end of big business are the *jiageya*, or "land sharks". They buy small parcels of land, often acting as agents for big banks and estate agents, and consolidate them into large areas worth developing. Anyone resisting their approaches comes under constant harassment from gangsters or ruffians who bang on doors, telephone in the early hours or rent neighbouring *properties* to create havoc.

With interest rates at historically low levels, banks must also take some responsibility for making easy loans to *jiageya* and other speculators. The tax system, too, encourages rising prices by allowing so-called agricultural land in the city area to remain almost tax-free and by taking 52 per cent of the sale price in local taxes if another site of at least equal value is not purchased within a year.

Some 10 per cent of the Tokyo city area consists of small plots of lettuce, cabbages and other vegetables set in incongruous and neat patches between blocks of high-rise apartments and houses. If the land is sold, a huge bite is taken in tax, so there is no incentive to develop it for badly needed housing.

Tamils ambush Indian convoy and kill 33

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

Thirty-three people were killed when a convoy of the Indian peacekeeping force escorting food to a refugee camp was ambushed by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the main Tamil guerrilla group, in Sri Lanka's Eastern province.

Police said yesterday that an Indian officer, nine Indian soldiers, six Tigers and 17 civilians were killed in the battle on Wednesday at Valachenai, about 20 miles from the town of Batticaloa.

The civilians died in the crossfire when the Tigers fired machine guns and rockets on the peacekeeping force, police said. A number of shops and houses were also damaged, residents said.

Meanwhile, Education Ministry sources said that GCE examinations planned for tomorrow will not be held in Sri Lanka's Northern province. Tamil guerrillas have threatened to disrupt the examinations through violence, the sources said.

In the south, the Government banned the use of crash helmets for motorcyclists a day after two riders shot dead a senior police officer.

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Three weeks ago Britain's premier stallion seemed doomed. **Brian James** reports on his remarkable struggle

The fighting Brave

In prospect, there is nothing of his quality in Britain today

Robert Acton

After winning eight races from 10 starts, twice with record times in classic events, Dancing Brave was named the Horse of the Year in 1986. The new title that will provide even greater satisfaction to his owners and connections is Survivor of the Year for 1987.

Three weeks ago, bleary-eyed from a flight from Kentucky, an American specialist in horse diseases stepped out of Dancing Brave's box at Newmarket and said: "You're in trouble. Big trouble. I put its survival chance at 5 per cent. No more. Sorry."

Yesterday, Dancing Brave pranced into his paddock, bucked with exuberant delight and playfully dodged the attempt of his handler, Tolly Constantine, to round him up.

"You'd not believe it if you'd seen this animal a bit back," Constantine said. "His eyes were shut. You could count his ribs. The weight had just fallen from him. Every leg was swollen up above the knee. You couldn't have given him a prayer."

Prayers have certainly been offered for a horse indelibly fixed in the public's memory by both his many great victories and one famous defeat: that by inches in the 1986 Derby. For perhaps the best middle-distance horse Britain has produced in a decade, the prognosis now is brighter. But it will be weeks before the collective fingers of a whole racing town are uncrossed.

And it will be even longer before the horse-mad men and women of Dalham Hall Stud forget their days and nights at the bedside, as it were, of Dancing Brave. The stallion is the grandson of the fabled Northern Dancer and the pride of owners so wealthy they can buy almost anything — but who know they could still never replace him.

There are several ways to express the value of Dancing Brave. The near £1 million he won in stakes; the £14 million his stud syndicate paid the Saudi prince who owned him; the £6 million he was expected to earn every year in fees — more if his progeny begin winning races.

None of these criteria seems to occur first to the Hon Robert Acton, general manager of the Dalham Stud. Instead: "His value? You've seen these tapes I have of him? Ever see a horse go like that in the last few yards? As a stallion, of course, he is yet unproved. He was put to 40 mares this year, and got 38 pregnant. But his first foal won't be born for a month. It will be three years before we know whether he's breeding as well as he raced. But in prospect . . . there's nothing of his class in Britain."

The arrival of Dancing Brave at Dalham Hall slotted another key piece into the grand racing plans of the Anglophile Maktoum brothers of Dubai. Sheik Mohammed is the owner of Dalham, which rises out of green Suffolk country like a smart hotel. Millions of pounds are being spent, some of them on Europe's largest wooden building (actually, a "maternity wing" for 250 mares). Like the other four Dalham stallions, Dancing Brave has an oak-panelled box 15ft square.

It was in this box at 6pm on November 7 that stud manager Alex Notman saw Dancing Brave looking "just awful. He had been a bit lame in his near fore at midday. Nothing much. But now his head was down, he wouldn't eat, he had heat in all his legs and a temperature. I have never seen a horse go down so bad in just three hours."

They called for Bob Crowhurst. "He is not our usual vet," Robert Acton said, "but Bob has spent a lifetime in horses and we were very, very puzzled." Next day, Crowhurst returned with another Newmarket vet. Meanwhile another of the syndicate committee, playing safe, had arranged for Douglas Byars, an American specializing in blood analysis, to set out from Kentucky.

Crowhurst, aged 71, did not wait for his arrival to tell Acton: "I am pretty sure. This is Marie's Disease. Never heard of it? Not surprised. Very few have. But I feel I ought to tell you that this is a fatal illness. I have seen three cases in all my time. Two died."

Acton walked back 100 yards across a lawn to his office and began telephoning the 20 or so very rich men who between them own the 40 shares in the syndicate — men like the Saudi prince Khaled Abdulla, the Maktoum brothers, the Aga Khan and Paul Mellon. He read them Crowhurst's report. "Each time I got to the bit about 'fatal illness', my voice seized up. I couldn't get the words out.

"We didn't intend to spread the word. We did not have to; within hours the whole of Newmarket seemed to know." The word even got to Dublin. Tolly Constantine had just begun his holiday in Ireland. He flew back, but was beaten to the "bedside" by Byars, who declared the only hope was calling in the best of veterinary medicine. Dancing Brave was taken to the nearby Equestrian Research Centre for X-ray. "He was so weak we had to practically push him out of the box," Notman said.

The search was aimed at the source of the infection — possibly an internal tumour or abcess. Marie's Disease (whose scientific name is hypertrophic pulmonary osteoarthropathy) was first reported in humans in 1890, and later, more rarely, in dogs and horses. The cause is still not definitively known.

The disease attacks the chest, but the most striking secondary symptoms are, in humans, clubbed fingers and, in horses, a dramatic thickening of the long limb bones, by lumpy new growth, to an extent that the animal is finally unable to stand. When Byars left for home the following Thursday, Dancing Brave, full of drugs, had improved. But the American still gave him only a one-in-three chance. The only hopeful sign was that he was beginning to eat again.

Still pinned up in the tackroom are more than 60 cards, many of them from abroad. Just as touching were the number of horse men who rang to say: "Have you thought of . . ?" or "Have you tried . . ?" Among the many who came to stand and watch the horse for a sign of returning appetite or a lively eye was Hamdan Maktoum, the middle of the three racing sheiks, who has a home at Dalham.

This week the first of the outside visitors was allowed, owners of mares wondering whether Dancing Brave will be fit to return to stud in February. He walked about unconcernedly enough to make anyone be fearful of giving up their place in a queue for which the record fee of £120,000 has been no deterrent.

Dancing Brave is still an invalid. Every four hours from 8am Constantine holds his head while a massive dose of antibiotics, smothered in honey, is squirted down his throat. On Saturday, Byars returns to contribute his opinion on whether it is safe or wise to take the horse off them. A vetinerary professor from Edinburgh flew down on Thursday to lend his own wisdom.

"By the end of this month," Acton said, "lots of decisions have got to be taken. The insurers will have to declare whether the cover will be renewed. The owners of mares will have to decide whether to wait for him, or try to find another class stallion.

"I have always resisted saying that he has better than a 50-50 chance of pulling through. Deep down, I only hope that is just me being over-cautious — but who wants to tempt fate?"

RACING HISTORY

Born: May 11, 1983
Owner: Kahled Abdulla
Trainer: Guy Harwood
Bred: Glen Oak Farms, US
Yearling price: $200,000

Career Statistics

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
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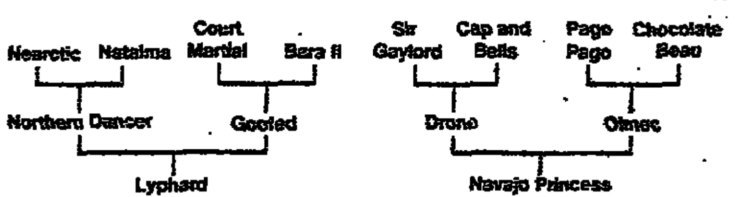
Prize Money: £888,835

Career Record

1985
1st Dorking Stakes, Sandown Park: G Starkey
1st Soham Stakes, Newmarket: G Starkey
1986
1st King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes (Group I), Ascot: P Eddery
1st Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (Group I), Longchamp: Pat Eddery
1st 2,000 Guineas (Group I), Newmarket: G Starkey
1st Eclipse Stakes (Group I), Sandown: G Starkey
1st Scottish Equitable Select Stakes (Group III), Goodwood: G Starkey
1st Craven Stakes (Group III), Newmarket: G Starkey
2nd Derby (Group I), Epsom: G Starkey
4th Breeders Cup Turf (Grade I), Santa Anita: P Eddery

A WINNING BLOODLINE



FINDINGS

A weekly series on research

ARCHAEOLOGY

The world's earliest potatoes have been found in Southern Chile, dating from 13,000 years ago. While the tuber, brought back to Europe after the Spanish conquest of Peru and to England by Sir Walter Raleigh, was one of the economic underpinnings of the Inca Empire, remains are not often preserved in archaeological sites. The present specimens come from Monte Verde, a late Pleistocene campsite near the Pacific coast, and belong to the species *Solanum maglia* (a wild relative and perhaps ancestor of the domestic *S. tuberosum*), which both the local inhabitants and the archaeologists find very like the modern spud in flavour. ***Norman Hammond***

EGYPTOLOGY

From Andalusia: Egyptian wine jars that "talk". Recent research has established that two large alabaster jars from the cemeteries of Almuñécar, on the southern Spanish coast near Granada, had been taken there by the Phoenicians, the middlemen of antiquity. The inhabitants used them as funerary urns but originally they were wine jars, with hieroglyphic inscriptions. One jar tells how he crossed the waters of the Nile because he had heard of the fame of a primeval god, and travelled full of wine from an oasis in the western desert, in order to bring delight. The ancient Egyptians are known to have had grades of fine wine and even vintages, but these jars, which date from about 825 BC, are a find indeed. ***John Ray***

METEOROLOGY

If the exact location of lightning within a storm could be predicted, sensitive electrical operations might be more easily protected. Recent advances in electronics and computers have made such measurements possible. A group from the National Severe Storm Laboratory, Oklahoma, and the University of Oklahoma, have made improved observations using a combination of sophisticated radar (to measure the structure of two storms) and radio sensors (to locate the lightning). These indicate that the lightning occurs in the regions of greatest vertical wind shear and where there is most precipitation. ***W.J.Burroughs***

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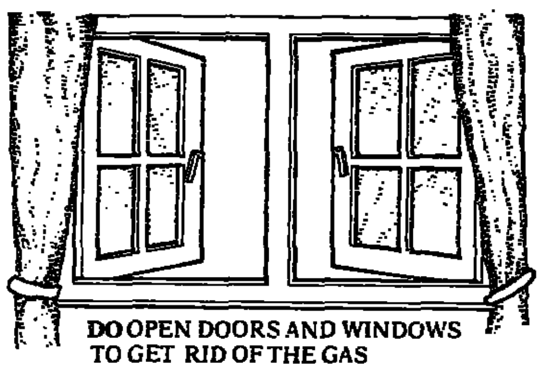

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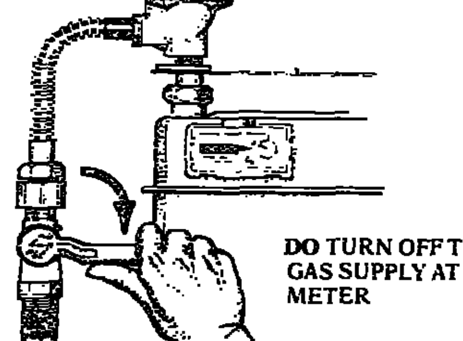

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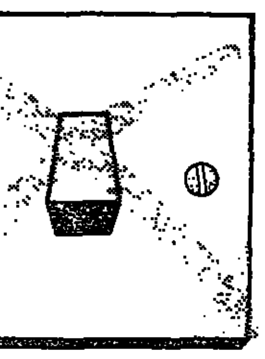

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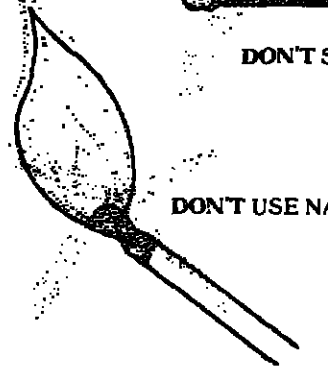

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Authors cry freedom

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It will be, according to Michael Holroyd, a remarkable event. "Never before," he says, "have writers turned their own material into money to help their less fortunate colleagues." Holroyd is president of the English centre of PEN, the international association of writers, and the event will be an auction of manuscripts by famous living British authors in aid of the association.

PEN members are pledged to oppose the suppression of freedom of expression anywhere in the world. They try to help writers who have fallen foul of the law in countries including the Soviet Union, Chile, Cuba, and Turkey. PEN's Writers in Prison Committee, chaired by Antonia Fraser, provides medicines and legal aid, supports prisoners' families, and lets prisoners know they are not forgotten by writing to them regularly.

"DO I HEAR £2,000?"
Dear PEN, No. All the best, Jeffrey Archer
Heslop

This all costs money . . . hence the auction to be held at Sotheby's as part of a big English Literature and History sale on December 15. Manuscripts have been piling up in Holroyd's flat and in PEN's tiny offices, before being delivered to Sotheby's in Bond Street. They include 11 huge volumes of typescript of John Julius Norwich's *History of Venice* — ruefully known as the Stones of Venice because of their weight. A taxi-driver, ferrying PEN general secretary Josephine Pullein-Thompson to Sotheby's with her cargo, declined to charge her when he heard what it was in aid of.

"We had a wonderful evening with Tom Sharpe," Pullein-Thompson says. He pulled down from his kitchen shelf a notebook containing most of an unpublished novel about a pornography salesman (estimated value £600-£800). Roald Dahl was buttonholed in his garden, putting up the marquee for his daughter's wedding. He donated the drafts of his screenplay for *You Only Live Twice*.

Anita Brookner gave part of the manuscript of her last novel, "remarkable for the few corrections", and Margaret Drabble the working papers for one of hers, "in some disorder". Pinter has given the revised typescript of his play *Landscapes* (£1,000 to £1,500). William Golding, John Mortimer, Stephen Spender, P.D. James, Francis King, Alan Ayckbourn, Colin Thubron, Beryl Bainbridge, Paul Bailey, Seamus Heaney, Graham Greene and Catherine Cookson have all disgorged.

Prices start around £200 and PEN hopes to raise at least £20,000 for writers in prison. Holroyd sent a personal letter to Jeffrey Archer, delicately inviting him (as a matter of honour, he might have added) to donate the manuscript of one of his best-sellers on behalf of writers "less fortunate in the courts" than himself. Archer did not.

The whole thing was Melvyn Bragg's idea. Next Tuesday, at a champagne supper and private view at Sotheby's of all the material to be in the sale, Bragg will make his debut as an auctioneer by selling three letters to himself from Philip Larkin.

Victoria Glendinning

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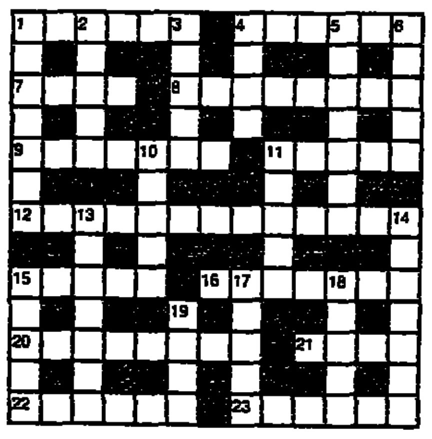

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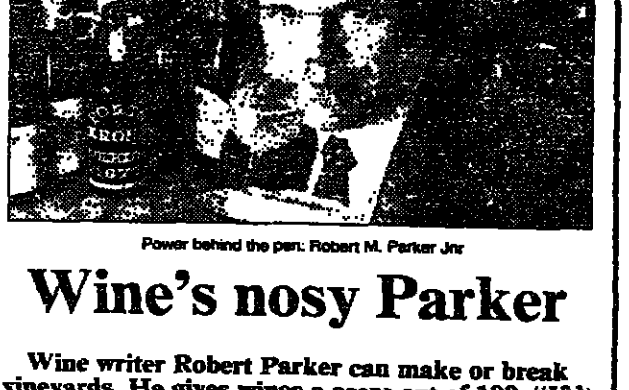

Power behind the pen: Robert M. Parker Jnr

Wine's nosy Parker

Wine writer Robert Parker can make or break vineyards. He gives wines a score out of 100. "If it scores 90 plus you can't buy it, and if it scores below 85 you can't sell it," say angry US wine merchants. Tomorrow *The Times* looks at the power of Parker

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One absence to another

Ann Clwyd, Labour's junior education spokesman, is to be left off the standing committee to examine Kenneth Baker's Great Education Reform Bill. The snub follows a row between the Cynon Valley member and Labour whip Ray Powell over her non-attendance at the bill's second reading this week. Powell, who also helps determine the composition of committees, had telexed her to return from her Oxfam-sponsored trip to Kampuchea for the debate. Yesterday her office was saying nothing about her relegation but, as Labour's spokeswoman on primary education, she would have expected to be deeply engaged in the committee battle against testing at seven plus. I am told there is a long history of squabbling between the two, who are almost neighbouring Welsh MPs. Yesterday Jack Straw, the education shadow, refused to comment on whether he would have liked to have seen her on the committee.

Inside info

The building of a ladies' loo in a relevent Royal Courts of Justice corridor has kindled speculation that Dame Butler Sloss, now chairing the Cleveland enquiry, will be appointed the first woman Court of Appeal judge. The president, Sir John Arnold, is leaving later this month, Mr Justice Waterhouse looks set to follow him, and with three or four new Appeal posts to be created by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Havers' sister is now considered certain of inclusion.

Museum piece

Advertising agency McCann Erickson took out insurance for its 60th anniversary thrash on Wednesday in the Natural History Museum. Part of the £60,000 bill was towards the insurance premium for £10 million cover against possible damage to Triceratops and the smaller Diplodocus, among others, in the museum's entrance hall from a mock rocket fired during the revelry. In the event a casino in the bird gallery helped keep the 750 guests out of mischief. But time for such gatherings seems to be up. "Parties will be limited from now on. The organization is too much," the museum lamented yesterday. Bad luck for those who have booked for next year.

● The day the Alliance launched its new draft constitution, telephone lines into Liberal Party HQ were out of order. Cynics are asking whether the breakdown was engineered to stem a stream of calls from activists, angry that David Steel and his negotiating team have sacrificed their power base. But I could not raise a comment from the staff yesterday – they were still incommunicado.

Left out

Printers of Labour Party membership cards for 1988 have taken to heart Neil Kinnock's assertion that in this period of policy review nothing is sacred. The 500,000 cards which have arrived at Walworth Road have a blank space where the socialist shibboleth, Clause 4 of the party's constitution, usually appears. I am told the nationalization promise to secure for workers the full fruits of their industry was omitted by mistake. But lefty conspiracy theorists may well interpret the error as further evidence that the Gould tendency is taking over the party.

BARRY FANTONI

'It's disgraceful to see grown men hitting one another'

Strong points

Labour MP George Foulkes, whose Carrick, Cumnor and Doon Valley constituency includes manufacturers of lower-strength whisky, has thrown down the gauntlet. He has called on Tory Bill Walker, whose private member's bill, due to be published today, may attempt to ban sales of low-strength Scotch, to taste the difference. Foulkes wants the bill's sponsors or their nominees to blind taste three full-strength brands, containing 40 per cent alcohol by volume (the metric equivalent of 70 degrees proof) against three lower-strength whiskies in front of an impartial invigilator. If they can identify the low ones, which usually contain 37.5 per cent abv, they will be rewarded with a bottle of malt. If they are still capable and repeat the feat, he will hand over a crate of the stuff. Foulkes said yesterday that the lower-strength amber nectar tastes virtually the same, and is cheaper because it attracts less duty.

PHS

Why poll tax is the only possible answer

by Nicholas Ridley

—Environment Secretary—

Since Anthony Crosland tried to break up the "party" in 1975, local government spending has continued to rise. Since 1979-80 in England it has risen by 18 per cent in real terms for no very good reason. In some places the party has become a grotesque orgy, with spending on extreme and unrepresentative groups being the icing on a cake whose main ingredients are gross inefficiency in the provision of major services.

Complaints by ratepayers and government exhortations have largely been ineffective in persuading local authorities to pull in the reins. There is a strong culture in local government which is driven by municipal socialism and continues to be expansionist, interventionist and monopolistic in its approach, when we are successfully pursuing a national priority of *reducing* the burden of the state in how much it spends, how much it borrows and taxes; indeed in how much it intrudes into people's lives.

These problems persist because of the inherent weaknesses of the rating system. We have a system in which there are no direct controls on local authority spending; in which in many areas a small minority of those eligible to vote for councils actually pay directly towards local services: representation without taxation. We have a system of Exchequer grants to local authorities of Byzantine complexity which not only compensates authorities for their needs to spend, but also rewards authorities with a low rateable value base and penalizes those with a high rateable value base, despite the fact that rateable values bear little relation to people's disposable incomes. Crudely put, a poor family in south Buckinghamshire, already coping with high costs of living there, is subsidizing richer families in areas of lower rateable values.

No major party supports the present rating system and all are agreed it must change. If it must change, and it must, then the new system must be fair, must be workable and above all must bring about a real improvement in accountability: *ergo* the community charge. Let me examine each criterion in turn.

First, fairness: people argue that the new charge is unfair because it is not progressive to people's incomes. It is actually more progressive than rates, which is a regressive tax. Clearly there are alternatives, like a local income tax, that would be more progressive. But we reject that option because it would meet none of our objectives for a local charge.

It is important that a local charge for local services should reflect in a rough and ready way everybody's ability to use local services. The community charge is a sort of pricing mechanism which regulates people's demand for services with their willingness to pay for them. Few argue that it is unfair for high street shops to charge everyone the same for goods on sale. A community charge for local services is fair because we all choose to pay for the policies of the council we vote for.

A local income tax, the main alternative on offer, would certainly not improve accountability. It would increase the number of people liable to pay by only two million. Estimated rates of local income tax of 26p in the pound in places like Camden, compared with, for example, 5.9p in neighbouring Barnet, would lead to local brain drains of professionals and entrepreneurs away from the high-spending inner cities. This would worsen the social imbalance in these areas. It wouldn't just be the highly paid who would suffer either. A newly qualified nurse in Westminster would pay £708 a year local income tax compared with £396 community charge (a high figure which reflects the gross overspending of the Inner London Education Authority).

Let us not forget that the community charge will cover only about a quarter of total spending by local authorities. Half will come from national taxpayers – and a quarter from the business ratepayer. So those in the top 10 per cent income bracket will pay 16 times as much towards local services as the bottom 10 per cent. We will protect the poorest with generous rebates of up to 80 per cent of their community charge, with a taper down to zero as incomes rise. Those who get the full 80 per cent rebate will also receive help with the remaining 20 per cent through the social security system.

Second, workability: any new system of taxation is bound to bring administrative problems. The community charge is no exception, as I would be the first to admit. However, many well-run local authorities – Wandsworth and Brentwood being two examples – are well on with their plans for administration and enforcement of the new system.

Those few who want to keep the rating system point to ease of collection as its main advantage: the means justifying the ends! The practical problems of getting the new system in place cannot and should not undermine our determination to achieve the benefits it promises. The problems are soluble when they are not being exaggerated.

Last, and most important, accountability. Of all the arguments for change this is the one which people do not seriously challenge. I believe the community charge will revolutionize local government and local politics in two ways: first, if a crude distinction is made between people who want to see local authorities increase the scope of their services and spending and those who want to keep both to a necessary minimum, the balance will shift markedly to the latter. When everyone pays something towards the cost of services, the inefficient and unnecessary will seem far less attractive.

Second, a system which enables simple comparisons of spending and charges to be made between local authorities will lead to greater interest by voters in what their local authority actually does. There will be a move towards local issues as a determinant of people's votes at local elections. This must be healthy for local democracy. The end to the "expansionist" consensus, a greater consciousness of the need to curb spending and improve efficiency, will herald a new era of responsibility.

In sum, our proposals will give local democracy a logical, practical base. Almost everyone eligible to vote in local elections will pay something towards the cost of local services and increases or decreases in spending will affect the community charge directly. For us it means less confrontation with local government. For local government it means stronger local democracy.

Hugh Montefiore replies to the unprecedented Crockford's attack

In defence of Dr Runcie

Those whose professions have lain in literary criticism will not find the new preface to *Crockford's* as anonymous as its unsigned status suggests. Its author plainly knew that his critical remarks about the Archbishop of Canterbury would receive widespread publicity. They must be seen as the latest in a series of political statements, ranging from lies in the tabloids to more measured denunciation, all aimed unsuccessfully to date at unseating the present occupant of the chair of St Augustine.

Words of truth, however, can emanate not only from the mouths of babes and sucklings but from the pen of the ill-intentioned. So what substance, if any, lies in these recent accusations?

Dr Runcie is said to surround himself with fellow bishops from his days at Cuddesdon and Westcott House. The *Crockford's* writer can hardly complain if some eminent men have emerged from these famous institutions. I wonder if the anonymous authour would include Dr Graham Leonard among the "Westcott House elite". A survey of recent appointments to important sees show many with no previous connection with Dr Runcie – Norwich, Salisbury, Chelmsford; or considering a different Anglican stable – Chester, Lichfield or St Albans. Others were consecrated before Dr Runcie became archbishop.

He is accused of "nailing his colours to the fence". Many outside and within the Church of England are profoundly grateful that after the Falklands victory our Chief Pastor unflinchingly nailed the flag of Christ to the very pinnacle of the national mast.

His reign as primate must be seen in the historical perspective of Tait, Davidson, Benson, Lang, Fisher, Ramsey, Coggan. Each had his own characteristic contribution to make. To call Dr Runcie "an intelligent pragmatist" is to ignore his predecessors. Archbishop Davidson for example is credited with the remark that he made no attempt to steer the ship: all his activities were directed to keeping it afloat. In days much more testing than those, Dr Runcie's style has been quite different from that of Davidson.

There have been times when he has declared his mind – and lost the vote in the General Synod, as over licensing in England of women validy ordained abroad, just as Archbishop Ramsey lost over Anglican-Methodist unity, and as did Archbishop Coggan over the ordination of women to the priesthood. At other times he has not declared his mind. Even an archbishop cannot be blamed for that if God has not yet clearly disclosed his will. Hasty leadership can be disastrous.

There are other times when in a divided church we have to await the emergence of consensus. The Church of England is learning better than another communion could hope to cope with its internal position. The Roman Catholic Professor Mahoney has written that the recent consensus of General Synod on the divided issue of homosexuality would have left even General Council green with envy. That was largely due to the archbishop's influence – we are proud that our tradition gives influence rather than diktat to our primate. Reconciliation among Christians can be more Christ-like than confrontation.

We have rarely had an archbishop so sensitive to human problems of society: as one concerned with the preliminaries of the report on our inner cities I know the determination of the archbishop to launch that commission, and his subsequent commitment to an enterprise, initially labelled "Marxist", which has won widespread recognition even in government circles.

As a former colleague of the archbishop I would be among the first to agree he was trained not as a theologian but an historian. But I reckon that his chairmanship of the Anglican Orthodox Commission has been a greater theological test than anything devised by examiners in the Oxford Honours School of Theology. As one who on occasion clashed with him in the production of the bishop's statement on the nature of Christian belief I must pay tribute to his insistence as chairman on loyalty to Catholic essentials in our Anglican tradition.

No archbishop has been or can be a party man. He is the focus of unity not only in the Church of England but also in the whole Anglican community. To be an Anglican is defined as membership of a church in communion with the See of Canterbury. Little Englanders do not seem to appreciate that he has responsibility in helping Anglican churches towards becoming a wordwide communion with adequate Catholic authority which does justice to the autonomy of provinces and the participation of the whole people of God in decision making. He is dragging the Church of England into consciousness – but leaving it still belonging to the Anglican communion.

Dr Runcie has shown sense and sensitivity in following up the initiative of his predecessors in developing ecumenical as well as Anglican fellowship. His support of joint organizations and the unforgettable papal visit to Canterbury, as well as his rescue from collapse of negotiations with the Orthodox church, are notable achievements which have all too naturally eluded the memory of the "*Crockford's* Anonymous".

Dr Runcie is certainly not infallible. I have known him since we were students. Frequently we have disagreed and only this year he described me as retiring to south London to "harass" him. But he earned my gratitude and that of countless people in the Anglican communion as well as in England, both churched and unchurched, by his leadership, integrity and humanity. He has the love and support of fellow bishops. I hope he will take heart from this latest attack and remember the words of our Saviour: "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and speak all manner of evil against you for my sake."

The author was formerly Bishop of Birmingham.

Knives out for the abrasive housewife

Momentous issues face the EEC leaders at their meeting in Copenhagen starting today. The collapse of money markets and the ensuing chaos of the last few weeks will have dramatic effects on European economics already burdened by between 15 and 17 million unemployed. And with a US-Soviet summit on scrapping intermediate missiles only a few days away, how precisely is Western Europe to react to the post-INF world?

The 12 leaders face the challenge of the 1992 target for "completing the internal market" – clearing away all national trade protection within European states. A trade war looms with the United States as it gets to grips with its economic problems, and there is the challenge in high-tech posed by the Far East, especially Japan.

By any standards it is a full and urgent agenda – more than enough to merit two days of top-level discussion. But tragically there is only the remotest chance of even a chat on these crucial issues. The opportunity will, as in so many summits before, be squandered and lost.

Instead the leaders will swirl around in a sea of acrimony, bogged down in cereal prices, stabilizers, quotas and the minutiae of the EEC budget. And orchestrating that acrimony will be Mrs Thatcher, isolated and alone.

Yet on the face of it she is justified in fighting her corner. The Common Agricultural Policy, on which she has set her knife, screams out for surgery. It gobbles up two thirds of the EEC's total finance, and spends half of all that on storing and destroying surplus, unwanted food.

But Britain will still be isolated. Not because of the strength of our case, for all except the West Germans are now ready to bite the bullet on reform, but largely because Mrs Thatcher insists on treating her fellow leaders as if they were mere Conservative cabinet ministers.

They bitterly resent her displays of petulance and her demands, not just for savings in the scandalous farm policy, but her obsession with cutting all the other valuable programmes as well. They cite her obstruction of the all-European scientific research programme this year, and the costly delays it meant before Britain backed down, as evidence of a negative and destructive approach.

The real problem, however, with the Prime Minister's theatrical approach to European summits is that it is so unproductive. It did not work three expensive years ago at Fontainebleau when she agreed to increased financing for the EEC in return for bogus promises about controls on farm spending. Even the rebate she got then is now under threat.

Nor did it work in Brussels six months ago when she blew the whole 1988 budget out of the water in a blaze of publicity, but the night before had bailed out the 1987 agriculture crisis by throwing heaps of cash at it.

It will not work this time either, for the most elementary political reason of all. At the last summit Mrs Thatcher made her partners blazing mad. This time, or some time soon, they will get even.

What she wants, even she knows they will not give her. She wants reduced spending on social and regional funds which help the poorest regions of this huge community. She wants massive cuts in the CAP, but none of the consequent savings to go to the productive programmes, and she wants an equal, if not more generous, rebate for this country.

There is just no hope for all that. The bitterness she leaves in her wake now seriously threatens the British rebate. Increased spending is almost certain, and Mrs Thatcher will have to swallow it, and she will get no credit for the reforms which must come in agriculture.

The violence of the rhetoric underlines the poverty of vision of the Prime Minister's approach to Europe. She sabotages the research effort which this country needs vitally, she walks off the European space stage, she rejects the need to combine to climb out of recession – all that matters is cutting, even when it is her country's seedcorn which goes.

In June the French prime minister, Jacques Chirac, accused Mrs Thatcher, to her immense pleasure, of being a "housewife". It was a grave error, because it is a slur on housewives to compare them to a prime minister who continually loses the baby when she throws out the bath water.

George Robertson

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John Grigg

Still so ladyless at the top

Last week the Prime Minister made a notable statement after unveiling a plaque to Nancy Astor in St James's Square (a surprisingly under-reported occasion, with *The Times* almost alone in carrying a report of her excellent speech). "I am always trying to get more women's names put forward," she said. "I still want more women at the top."

Her devotion to this cause had been a well-kept secret, as until recently was her concern for the plight of the inner cities. As Prime Minister she has enormous opportunities for advancing women, without having to wait for names to be put forward. The House of Lords and her personal staff are obvious cases in point. Yet so far she seems to have done little, if anything, to increase the female content of either.

During Lloyd George's premiership Welshmen abounded in Whitehall and Downing Street. These compatriots were not all of equal merit, but some were outstanding in their own right, and in any case their presence served to demonstrate that the Welsh were no longer second-class citizens. Mrs Thatcher has yet to do as much for her sex as Lloyd George did for his nation, in the analogous way of appointing women to her "official family".

Lloyd George also sent a fair number of Welshmen to the Second Chamber, but was powerless to send women there. Though his government made women eligible for the House of Commons, it was not until the Harold Macmillan regime that they gained access to the House of Lords. Peeresses now represent 5.7 per cent of the total membership, and life peeresses about 12 per cent of the "lifers". These proportions have hardly changed since 1979.

But honouring Nancy Astor naturally focused attention upon the Commons, where there are now 41 women MPs. This figure at least marks a distinct improvement. At the end of the last parliament there were 29; at the beginning of it 23; and in 1979 only 19. But Mrs Thatcher is, rightly, not at all content with 41. "It is a great disappointment that we have not got more."

Even the present number of women MPs represents only 6.3 per cent of the total, which is one of the lowest percentages in the democratic world. Among European countries, France and Spain have only 5.7 per cent; but Norway (top of the league) has 34.4 per cent, Finland and Sweden both over 30 per cent, Denmark 23 per cent, the Netherlands 22 per cent, Switzerland (though late to enfranchise women) 10.5 per cent, West Germany 10 per cent, and Italy nearly 8 per cent.

It has to be said that the countries where women are relatively well represented tend to be those in which there is a proportional system of election. The United States, with its first-past-the-post system, makes an even worse showing than we do. In the House of Representatives only 5.3 per cent are women; in the Senate only 2 per cent. France was electing more women before it reverted to a non-proportional system.

PR helps women candidates less on account of the proportional factor than because it normally operates in constituencies large enough to have more than one member. The single-member pattern, whatever its attractions in other ways, tells against women (as against ethnic minorities) because where there is only one seat to be filled selectors look for candidates against whom the element of voters' prejudice, actual or supposed, is at a minimum. Where there are two or more seats to be filled women have a much better chance.

Even without PR (the case for which rests, of course, on many other arguments), considerable benefit would accrue to women if multi-member seats were restored in our big cities. Barbara Castle was first elected to Parliament, in 1945, as one of two MPs for the whole of Blackburn, then a two-member seat. Had the city been divided into two separate constituencies, as it was in 1950, it is very much on the cards that she would not have been chosen as the Labour candidate for either of them, and the start of her career in national politics might have been seriously delayed.

Women, and particularly married women with children, need to be lucky to get into Parliament early enough to build a career. Mrs Thatcher herself, elected before she was 35, had a lot of luck as well as the necessary talent and ambition. She was married to a rich man, who gave her the security to embark upon what is always a risky profession. She could afford help for looking after her children, who obligingly arrived together rather than seriatim. She lived in London and had a London constituency. These factors enabled her to combine her political career with a tolerable home life.

For gifted young wives and mothers with fewer advantages the idea of going into Parliament is much harder to contemplate, and the reality, when it occurs, much harder to sustain. The House of Commons is still essentially a men's club, keeping uncivilized hours and offering few amenities to its women members. Yet without more women in Parliament, including young women with families, the country will never be properly represented, and the scope for bringing more women into government will continue to be limited.

To judge from her remarks the other day, Mrs Thatcher seems now to be thoroughly aware of the problem and keen to do something about it. For a fundamental change in favour of women in public life, electoral reform is imperative, and reform of parliamentary conditions and procedure highly desirable. But, pending such radical and, inevitably, contentious measures, useful progress could be made if the Prime Minister were, as a matter of urgency, to redress the sexual balance in the Second Chamber and among her own close advisers.

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however . . . Henry Stanhope

Warming to the common cold

Before the Common Cold Research Unit closes in 1990, it might like to concentrate its energies on proving or disproving a theory of mine, developed over many years of empirical study. It is that "colds occur in inverse proportion to the amount of trouble taken to prevent them". Let me explain.

When I was a child, I was fed a range of prophylactics, the like of which has not been seen outside the laboratories of Edward Jenner or Pasteur. I set out for school each day fuelled not only with bacon and egg and hot buttered *toast (in those days only the Swiss* had to eat muesli) but also with a *mélange* of vitamin C tablets, halibut liver oil capsules, extract of malt and, when appropriate, Gee's Linctus, Famel Syrup or a brimming teaspoon (at least) of Metatone.

I was then gift-wrapped in pullovers, blazers, scarves, gloves, cap or, when very young, a balaclava helmet, in the manner of the French Dauphin before Agincourt. Indeed, the addition of one more scarf and mittens would have posed the requirement for a block and tackle to help mount me on my red Hercules bicycle, before riding out to do battle with General Winter.

And what happened? I caught colds, that's what happened. I trapped viruses as a jam jar ensnares wasps. And they were not just ordinary germs but whopping great rhinoviruses, with teeth, which thrived for several weeks on eucalyptus and blackcurrant tea, until even they got fed up and moved on. The only people who benefited were the shareholders and staff of Boots.

Now, some years later, I found myself in the Army, an organization better known for strict paternalism than mothercare. The Royal Artillery regarded bad weather with enthusiasm. We exercised in the snow, manoeuvred in the mud and squatted beside dud radios in the rain. As the one thing that leaks more than the MoD is an army boot, we usually had wet feet – and on one snowbound excursion on the ranges, a visiting Nato general retired with frostbite.

Perhaps it was an experiment in germ warfare. As a schoolboy, dropped behind enemy lines, I could have flattened an armoured corps within two days. As a gunner my army record was undistinguished, but I might have found my *métier* as a shell.

If this is what they had in mind, the experiment was a failure. Because throughout my time in uniform I never caught a cold. I froze and shivered in turn as we shaved in tepid water in the woods – and longed to be back in Elysium, like the Naafi. But all I ever suffered in the Army was an *ingrowing toenail and toothache.* I never caught one virus in two years, or to be more accurate, a virus never caught me.

My resistance to germs seemed indeed like evidence of a Supreme Being. "And it came to pass that the Lord, seeing Stanhope naked in his slit trench, ordered invisible raiments to clothe him and that a wall be built around him, to protect him from the multitude. And lo, it was done and Stanhope suffered not, but prospered and was well. *(St Paul's Letters to the Lancet Ch 23 v.)*

I have discovered another truth, which is that colds grow fewer as one grows older. My theory is that however many rhinoviruses there seem to be, the number is still finite and thus manageable. As with, say, West Samoan stamps of the 1850s, a collector like myself can acquire the lot, after which he can relax unmolested.

I still manage to catch colds during general elections. In February 1974 I spent a week in bed after two days at Stechford, Birmingham, in the company of its then MP, Roy Jenkins. I did much the same this year, emerging only to vote – to save myself from being pestered by party activists. But my record is very much better than it used to be.

Whether the total destruction of rhinoviruses in the wild is something to which we should devote resources is a matter for those more responsible than me. I do know that as a schoolboy my reactions to going down with one, on days when there was double algebra, were mixed.

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STEEL GOES PRIVATE

Privatization of the British Steel Corporation "as soon as possible", which was announced yesterday, is a satisfying symbol of the regeneration of British industry. At the beginning of the decade BSC still belonged to a select category of lame ducks for which it was difficult ever to see a profitable future. Yesterday it announced half-year profits of £190 million compared with £178 million for the whole of last year and cumulative losses in the eight years to 1984-85 of £5.7 billion.

As well as being a symbol of regeneration it is the first privatization of of an industry in the public sector which was not obviously saleable from the start. British Telecom is the market leader in an industry which is expanding strongly. British Gas and the electricity and water industries are solid utilities. But steel is one of the state-owned industries long seen to be in decline, and the prospect of being able to interest private investors in BSC demonstrates more thoroughly the practicability of handing back state-owned assets to private ownership.

Steel's advantage over the other basic industries still in public ownership was to have its showdown with the unions early on and to follow it up with a sustained period of firm management. The strike of 1980 during the chairmanship of Sir Charles Villiers was long and painful, but since then the workforce has been reduced by 50 per cent and productivity has more than doubled, turning British Steel into the most efficient steel-maker in Europe.

While the political environment provided by a Government committed to economic regeneration was an essential precondition, the hard work was done by strong management and a flexible workforce. Privatization is not something which has had to be thrust upon an unwilling management — nor in general has it been opposed by the workforce, in contrast to the attitudes of their political representatives.

A lot may happen, it is true, between now and the first likely date for the sale in 1989-90. Before then paving legislation will be necessary to convert the corporation into a private company. Even if preparatory work were completed by the second half of next year the Treasury already has almost enough privatization proceeds due from previous sales to meet its annual target of £5 billion. By 1989-90 the demand for steel may have suffered from the impending slowdown in world economic growth and the stock market may or may not be propitious. Plans must, however, be made now in order to provide ministers with the option later on.

After steel there is no reason why some of the other basic industries still in public ownership should not also move into the private sector. Coal has suffered its confrontation with organized labour more recently than steel, but in an energy-hungry world it would have no difficulty in attracting private capital, given the right labour structure. British Rail will be more difficult so long as the need for social subsidies continues, but there may be ways of introducing private sector capital and competition into various railway activities which fall short of selling the enterprise in one piece. The proposed separate sale of British Rail Engineering is one example. Where steel has shown the way, other "commanding heights" of the economy should follow.

THE DEEPER PROBLEM

The anonymous Preface to *Crockford's* is not only about the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is also about a deeper problem — the nature and identity of modern Anglicanism. This the Preface has fully and reasonably discussed. It would be foolish for churchmen to dismiss what it has to say about the problem just because they disapprove of the anonymity with which the Preface assails Dr Runcie.

Those responsible for *Crockford's* — the Church Commissioners and the General Synod's Central Board of Finance — presumably do not usually approve of poison pen letters. They must expect to be criticized for their association with this one. But the Church should not be side-tracked from considering the Preface's deeper thoughts.

To accuse Dr Runcie of indecision raises the question: what is he supposed to be decisive about? The problem is not that there are no answers. It is that there are too many. Anglicanism has lost the single identity which flowed primarily from uniformity of worship and from the doctrines stated or implied in that worship — doctrines contained in the Book of Common Prayer.

While that situation lasted, the core and character of Anglicanism was easily discovered: Anglicans were all those Christians who worshipped according to that Book, and who believed in the truth of the teaching it contained.

The Book of Common Prayer is still in evidence, though it is no longer the preferred form of worship in most parish churches. The decline in its use has been attacked from time to time on the grounds that it is a priceless repository of beautiful language and tender religious sentiment — a national treasure. It was vital to the Church not only because it was beautiful, but because it was the foundation of a faith held by people in common.

It is still an influence, but a diminishingly common one, being overtaken by liturgical variations more in keeping with contemporary tastes. Each of the 26 international "provinces" of the Anglican Communion has its own "new" liturgy, each with a lingering flavour of the old common one but without any attempt to ensure that a common Anglican doctrine has survived the modernization.

In spite of the 39 Articles, Anglicanism never was a "confessional" creed. In any case, the Articles are themselves no longer obligatory. So the removal of the one central pillar, a Book of Common Prayer imposed throughout the Church by an Act of Uniformity, has left the Anglican credal and liturgical edifice standing with no visible means of support, liable to collapse under its own weight. It is that which alarms the anonymous writer of the *Crockford's* Preface above all; and it is serious enough for even a good and loyal churchman to employ any and every means at his disposal to try to get the Church to address itself to so grave a peril.

Without that central pillar, the Church has become dependent on secondary supports. These include the habits of going to church from time to time and of having one's children christened. They also include the important role the Church can play as a focus of national grief or celebration; its place in English culture and history; a constitutional but nominal relationship between the Church and the Crown; and a general sense that a national church is on the whole a good thing to have around.

Such factors are enough to keep the Church in business while it gently declines. That is, provided all is reasonably peaceful in its own ranks and in its relationship with the nation. It is not an impressive basis on which to evangelize and even convert that nation, though the Church of England's enthusiasm for converting England has never been great.

The renewal of Anglicanism cannot be achieved by the re-imposition of the Book of Common Prayer. Nor is any other obvious remedy to hand, which is why the prognosis of the Preface has to be so bleak and negative. But the temptation presented by chronic problems which have no immediate answer is to ignore them altogether, even to deny that they exist. Painful though it is for the Church to have its face so rudely rubbed in them, they must be acknowledged as real problems, desperately demanding attention.

PROGRESS ON THE ROCK

The Anglo-Spanish agreement on joint use of Gibraltar airport has been received with acclamation in Madrid — and with good reason. In one sense it is a triumph for Spanish diplomacy.

The airport has been a contentious issue since the time it was built (by British troops during the Second World War) along the isthmus connecting the Rock to the Spanish mainland. Madrid has always argued that this land was not included in the Treaty of Utrecht, under which Gibraltar was ceded to this country in 1713.

Successive Spanish governments, incensed by continuing British sovereignty over Gibraltar, have seen the airport as the ultimate indignity. But this particular problem has been one on which diplomatic progress has looked possible. While ownership of the airfield (which is run by the RAF) has remained as un-negotiable as that of the Rock it serves, the demand for joint use of its facilities has seemed more reasonable.

Even so, progress during three years of sporadic bilateral talks has been slow and fairly painful until now — mainly because of Gibraltarian hostility towards anything that has looked like a concession. It was only when Spain played its trump card in June, by blocking the de-regulation of European air travel, that things started happening quickly. And it was only this week, five days before a decisive meeting of transport ministers, that Spain won the concession it sought.

But the benefits are far from being one-sided. Under the agreement, travellers to southern Spain can fly to Gibraltar and pass directly into a new Spanish terminal (yet to be built) on the border, without the indignity and inconvenience of going through British customs first.

For this to be put into force, however, new legislation will be required from Gibraltar's own House of Assembly. With elections due in Gibraltar in the spring, the issue is going to be highly political — and, despite Sir Joshua Hassan's blessing for the agreement, the willingness of Gibraltarians to acquiesce in it is far from certain. If they should vote against the legislation, then the Spanish government will have lost its gamble — because it has already surrendered its position on de-regulation and several other questions, including cross-border traffic to and from the Rock and the ferry to Algeciras.

Gibraltarians interpret any concession to Madrid as the thin end of a wedge, encouraging the Spanish belief that further pressure might lead towards overall sovereignty one day. Understandable though this may be, it is an argument which obstructs all kinds of progress and which thereby threatens Anglo-Spanish relations. Gibraltar's right to decide on its status is enshrined in its constitution — and repeated assurances on this have been given by Whitehall. But to oppose everything else as well, on principle, is unproductive.

The 30,000 inhabitants on the Rock should be urged to adopt a positive attitude on this, not simply to please this country and make life easier for Sir Geoffrey Howe in Brussels, but because it should contain benefits for themselves. It should open the way to an expansion of the airport in terms of passenger traffic and freight. For a colony which depends so much on tourism, any move which can widen its gateway to the world must surely be one in the right direction. Politically and economically, it can serve only to strengthen the links between Gibraltar and southern Spain, to their mutual advantage.

If sovereignty is to remain un-negotiable (at least until Gibraltarians change their mind) it is right that issues should be settled amicably. It is a way of living together that must be sought, not a means to continue a debilitating quarrel.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Overcoming the nursing crisis

From the Chief Executive, UK Central Council for Nursing

Sir, British nursing and the health services face serious and complex problems. The suggestion that the Project 2000 proposals for the reform of nursing education should be on the minsterial agenda (leading article, November 27) is welcome. So, too, is the indication that the impending crisis in the nursing profession will not simply be solved by pay alone.

If accepted, the proposals will establish an educational programme more suited to preparing nurses to meet modern health-care needs and spare future students of nursing the bad experiences that cause so many to leave the profession. Together with other initiatives, they will also provide a basis for retaining skilled and experienced nurses in the direct care of patients where they are so badly needed.

My council, the statutory regulatory body for nursing, midwifery and health visiting in the UK, has been concerned with the future of the profession and the impending manpower problems for some time. We are already taking steps to widen the entry gate to professional training and have recommended recruitment initiatives to reduce the imapact of the projected reduction in 18-year-olds. Recruitment is one problem, but retention is quite another. Nurses wish to do their best for patients in their care, but to do so they themselves must have adequate support and sensitive and flexible management.

The attention drawn to the plight of David Barber and his family (report, November 25) should not limit the debate to intensive care and related acute specialties. There is a need for skilled nursing across the spectrum of health services to provide care for those who are old, as well as the young, and those with impaired mental as well as physical health in both hospital and community settings.

The nursing profession in our country has a proud and fine tradition. In facing the difficult future it is imperative that we cherish the values of British nursing and move forward, together with the medical profession, to continue to work in the interests of society.

The profession has not claimed that the Project 2000 proposals are the complete answer. They are, however, an essential and integral part of an urgently needed strategy to ensure that society continues to receive the level of care and skill it has come to expect from its nursing profession.

Yours faithfully,
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From Dr James Harper

Sir, The publication of the Government's White Paper, *Promoting Better Health*, is to be welcomed. The emphasis on the promotion of good health rather than on the treatment of illness is justifiable because of the vast amount of preventable illness which still exists today.

However, it is pertinent to ask whether the doctor's consulting room is really the best place to teach people to adopt healthier lifestyles. In practice two factors frequently make the occasion of the consultation unsuitable for this purpose. One is the fact that uppermost in the patient's mind are his or her symptoms and a lecture on health may not be considered appropriate at that time. The other is the fact that in a busy surgery, I know from experience, there simply is no time to teach health.

I maintain that the basic principles of healthy living should be taught in school. The family doctor's role should be to reinforce that teaching. I have found in comprehensive schools that it is no one's specific duty to teach health.

I would like to suggest that health committees be formed in senior schools to co-ordinate the teaching of health. Such a committee might have as its members the head teacher, the school doctor, the "PE" teacher, the biology teacher and the health visitor.

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Hospices and Aids

From Mr Richard M. C. Seed and Mr H. Angus King

Sir, If hospices decide, as a general rule, not to admit Aids patients it will be a very sad day, not only for the Aids patients and his or her family but also for the international reputation of the hospice movement.

If Professor Wilkes is correct (report, October 29) in stating that although many hospices are not religious organisations, they contain a number of committed Christians on the staff, the implications need deep and careful handling. A committed Christian would surely believe that, regardless of background, any terminal patient should be treated as a dignified individual with specific needs.

If the patient is a drug abuser, homosexual or male prostitute, then his or her need is even greater, and no Christian should have difficulty in adjusting to their needs, both spiritually and physically. The contrary may often be true: the Christian members of staff may have less difficulty in caring for them than any other member of staff who may be tempted to regard them as despicable.

There needs to be a much greater awareness of the needs of Aids patients as individuals facing death, and surely the hospice should aim to be alongside them as much as any other terminal situation, regardless of the cost.

Yours faithfully,
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University plan

From Professor Deepak Lal

Sir, It is astonishing that a Government committed to rolling back the State should just have announced plans for a vast extension of "dirigisme" in higher education. The central planning of higher education under the aegis of the mandarins of the Department of Education and Science envisaged in Mr Baker's plan suffers from all the well-known defects which have attended attempts at manpower planning in many developing countries.

To cite one example: based on utilitarian arguments rather similar to those deployed by Mr Baker, India sought to increase the supply of engineers which it deemed to be essential for its future economic prosperity. As there is no realistic basis for any central forecasts of future manpower needs, not surprisingly the only effect of this policy was to create a vast pool of unemployed engineers, with, of course, little effect on India's economic prospects.

Surely it would be much better for the Government to follow its market instincts and, in effect, to privatise the universities. This would mean allowing *each* university to set its own full cost fees (to be paid by *all* students) and pay for staff (including terms of employment) and thereby to allow market demand and supply to determine the size and structure of different universities.

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King's Cross fire

From the Chairman of the East Grinstead Medical Research Trust

Sir, May I congratulate Liz Gill on her article (November 26), "A tissue of hidden pain" — pain from burns injuries which was brought sharply to our awareness by the tragedy at King's Cross. Both physical and psychological pain are all too familiar to us in the McIndoe Burns Unit and the Blond McIndoe Centre, both of which owe their inspiration to Sir Archibald McIndoe and his operations on burned RAF aircrew during World War II.

Research into the treatment of severe burns injuries, the culturing of skin, all forms of transplantation, and the complexities of the immune system has continued ever since at the centre. It has been shown possible to take a small piece of human skin and "grow" larger pieces from it in the laboratory.

Such research will allow the quality of life of all burns victims to be improved.

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Gallery powers

From the Director of the National Art-Collections Fund

Sir, Brian Sewell (article, November 21) has fluently and concisely exposed the dangers in the Arts Minister's proposal to allow the trustees of London's three main picture galleries to sell off works from these collections. He asks, "What will be the standing of pictures which are bought from sums topped up by the National Art-Collections Fund" or other private resources?

The NACF has long recognized the dangers of such "de-accessioning". Every museum or gallery purchase towards which the fund contributes is accompanied by a proviso, amounting to a binding agreement, that the work will never be sold. We have been assured by the minister that such an agreement will in no way be violated by the proposed new legislation.

However, private money is solicited from many other sources than the NACF. Against the background of the unrelenting freeze on the museums' purchase grants, such private money is becoming ever more crucial in enriching the collections of our public galleries. If the public have contributed out of their own pocket to place a particular painting in a particular gallery, then the trustees of the gallery are morally obliged to recognize their accountability to that public if they wish to dispose of such items.

Of course the truth of the matter is that neither the trustees nor the directors of the galleries in question wish to exercise the proposed new powers. Why foist such powers on those who do not want them? Future officers may be less far-sighted than they.

Yours truly,
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Snags on power privatization

From Mr W. P. Winston

Sir, In the debate on the privatisation of the electricity supply industry the problem of the big public inquiry (BPI), such as was required for the Sizewell B power station, has not been taken into account. As things stand, it is unlikely any large power station, especially a nuclear one, could be built in England or Wales without such an inquiry. On the other hand it is accepted, for instance by town and country planners, that such massive planning exercises as the BPI are hardly justified. What then can be done?

One option would be to implement power stations by individual Acts of Parliament, thereby obviating public inquiries. Neither the Government nor the opposition parties appear to favour this option.

I suggest a reason why power stations can be expected to give rise to BPIs is the size of the Central Electricity Generating Board and its lack of a direct link to the public. Only a large undertaking could finance a BPI and, for instance, the public did not see the cost of the Sizewell B inquiry as a charge on electricity bills.

The present privatisation proposals to some extent would perpetuate this situation as they propose a horizontal stratification of the industry into power stations, the national grid, and supply companies. If the BPI is to be avoided by linking power stations to the public, then a vertical integration is required; that is, the industry for privatisation should be organised into units which combine generation of electricity (power stations) with supply to customers.

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From Mr Edward Hanson

Sir, In calling for a silencing of public statements on the merits and means for privatisation of the electricity supply industry, Mr Cecil Parkinson may now have realised the essential weakness of his proposals as to how to introduce some element of competition into the industry.

I suggest that the following aspects of the problem should be considered as deeply and widely as possible.

In order to avoid the wasteful installation of competitive generating stations, we should maximise the use of our most efficient generating plant, as well as the optimum proportional use of coal, oil, nuclear, hydro-electric and tidal power sources.

Secondly, to ensure the maximum security of supplies under both exceptional loading and weather conditions, the network of the grid must remain under the sole overall control of the Central Electricity Generating Board, because the generating and main distribution are mutually and essentially linked as interdependent parts of one system.

Some competition is already available in taking supplies from Electricité de France; there may be some possibility of future supplies from geothermal sources in Iceland.

Apart from the not very obvious attraction to investors of efficient and therefore large generating stations, and the necessarily limited scope for the application of combined heat and power (CHP) generation, I submit that the prospects of the introduction of competition in the electricity supply industry are sadly quite limited.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD HANSON,
Criffel, Tallantire,
Cockermouth, Cumbria.
November 24.

Plight of homeless

From Councillor Mrs P. M. Pottle

Sir, Mr Roger Singleton (December 1) asks that young, homeless single adults be given more consideration by housing authorities and landlords when criteria governing eligibility are being established.

It might hearten him to hear that we in Havant recognise the housing need of this sector of the community and have amended our housing policy accordingly.

From January 4, 1988, applications from single adults of 18 years and over will be accepted by this authority for housing in bed-sitting rooms. A small, secure step on the long road to independence!

I am, Sir, your faithfully,
PHYLLIS M. POTTLE (Member, Housing Committee),
Havant Borough Council,
Civic Offices, Civic Centre Road,
Havant, Hampshire.
December 1.

Talent in the Church

From the Bishop of Norwich

Sir, Tom Batho ("A church of wasted talent", November 30) is right to say that "what is lacking is the Church's ability to make the best use of the people that it has".

Two recent developments would perhaps encourage those who share Mr Batho's concern. First, quite apart from the growth (albeit patchy) of training for the laity, in-service training for the clergy has been growing rapidly and systematically in the last few years, and most dioceses now have a full-time director of training who is responsible for what is known as "continuing ministerial education".

Secondly, last year the House of Bishops appointed a working party, of which I was chairman, which in November launched a comprehensive system of personal files for the clergy of the Church of England. The purpose of this system, which owes much to lessons learned from industry and commerce, is precisely that recognition and development of gifts for which Mr Batho argues.

Yours faithfully,
†PETER NORVIC.,
Bishop's House,
Norwich, Norfolk.
December 1.

From Mr Paul Ketteridge

Sir, If, according to Tom Batho, the clergy are executives, the archdeacons are senior managers and the bishop is the managing director, who pray are we in the pews — the shop-floor workers or the shareholders?

Yours,
PAUL KETTERIDGE,
Bankside Cottage,
7 Church Street,
North Marston, Buckingham.
November 30.

Lesson for Advent?

From Mr J. B. Smeaton

Sir, May we assume that a reading from Crockford's (report, December 3) will qualify as a Proper Preface in Anglican services this Sunday?

Yours faithfully,
J. B. SMEATON,
39 Petts Wood Road,
Petts Wood,
Orpington, Kent.
December 3.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 4 1856

The Times was never slow to raise its voice when freedom of the press was threatened. In this instance a rival paper, the Daily News, *had been sued by Lord Lucan for its criticism of his conduct while a lieutenant-general commanding the cavalry during the Crimean War*

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[A LIBEL SUIT]

The action for libel brought by the Earl of LUCAN against our contemporary, the *Daily News*, has ended in a verdict for the defendants. We need not say that such a result is, in our opinion, most satisfactory. Not only the press, but the country in general, has reason to rejoice that the jury which was empannelled yesterday in the Exchequer had the good sense and the good feeling to defeat an attempt to punish a journal on so frivolous a charge. The article which was the subject of this abortive action was written soon after the report of the Chelsea Board of Officers was given to the world, and merely expressed with regard to that document the opinions which, we will be bold to say, were held by nine-tenths of the thinking men in the united kingdom. Lord LUCAN had been, from the beginning of the war, mixed up with the affairs of the army; he had been concerned in the calamitous charge at Balaklava; he had quarrelled with the Commander of the Forces, with one of his own Generals of Brigade, and with one, if not more, of the Colonels under him; he had been recalled from the Crimea, he had been reflected on by the Commissioners, he had written letter after letter to the newspapers, he had kept the Chelsea Commissioners engaged on his case for a most inordinate length of time, and very strong opinions had been pronounced on his capacity and temper by all sorts of people during the whole of these proceedings. He had, moreover, to the scandal of a large body of his countrymen, received an accession of military rank, the Order of the Bath, and the command of a distinguished regiment . . . As for the terms of the alleged libel, it is plain that there is nothing in them of which Lord LUCAN could fairly complain. If, in a time of war and disaster, it be not competent for a public paper to give an opinion on such matters as the disputes between Lord RAGLAN and Lord CARDIGAN and the merits of the Chelsea Board's verdict, then there is an end at once to the political discussions of the press. Lord Lucan had been accused of many things, and some of the charges could not be denied. Among those which no ingenuity could escape from were the displays of temper and the want of self-command to which the alleged libel alluded. The jury, by their verdict, declared that to comment on such faults in a man holding a post of the highest importance was within the legitimate province of a public newspaper . . . The case went to the jury in the simplest form. Lord LUCAN was placed in the witness-box, and confessed that he had been recalled in consequence of a highly improper letter to Lord RAGLAN. The jury found that the defendants were justified in publishing the article, and that it was a fair comment on the acts of the plaintiff . . . So far from the press being guilty of making unsupported assertions, we are even now surprised at the small amount of inaccuracy which has found its way into newspaper columns. However, no apologies are needed for a course which has at length received the almost unanimous approbation of the country. The verdict in the case tried yesterday will, we trust, put an end to the hopes of those false friends and overt enemies, both at home and abroad, who look with natural fear and dislike on the courage and freedom of the English press.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 3: The Duke of Edinburgh, President of World Wide Fund for Nature International, this afternoon attended a luncheon and Trustees Meeting of World Wide Fund for Nature, United Kingdom, at 3, Finsbury Avenue, London EC2.

His Royal Highness later visited the Cabinet War Rooms, Horse Guards Road, London SW1.

Mr Brian McGrath, Brigadier Clive Robertson and Major Rowan Jackson, RM, were in attendance.

The Duke of York, President of the Photographers' Gallery, this evening opened the exhibition, "Mysterious Coincidences" at 8, Great Newport Street, London WC2.

Captain James Fraser was in attendance.

The Duchess of York this evening attended the Eighth Westland Group Apprentice and Student dinner and presentation at Yeovil.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman, Westland Group plc (Sir John Cuckney).

The Duchess of York, attended by Mrs John Floyd, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Project '87, left Royal Air Force Northolt in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight this afternoon to visit Oporto, Portugal on the occasion of the inauguration of the Premio Infante D Henrique.

CLARENCE HOUSE
December 3: Colonel John Bourne today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, upon relinquishing his appointment as Honorary Colonel.

Colonel Tom Price also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Honorary Colonel of the Regiment.

Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen Angus had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother upon assuming his appointment as Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 3: The Prince of Wales, President, Scottish Business in the Community, this morning visited Workwise Limited, Templeton Business Centre, Easterhouse, Glasgow.

His Royal Highness afterwards visited the Greater Easterhouse Partnerships, Easterhouse.

The Prince of Wales later attended the ScotBIC Annual General Meeting at the Albany Hotel, Glasgow.

His Royal Highness, Patron, the Royal Society for Nature Conservation, this evening attended a dinner in aid of the Scottish Wildlife Appeal at the City Chambers, George Square, Glasgow.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Sir John Riddell, Bt, and Mr Philip Mackie, travelled in the Royal Train.

The Princess of Wales this morning distributed Christmas presents at the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, London WC1.

Her Royal Highness afterwards visited the Wishing Well Appeal Offices.

Viscountess Campden and Commander Richard Aylard, RN, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 3: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester this morning opened the new factory of Haddonstone Limited and later visited the Church of All Saints, Brixworth. In the afternoon Her Royal Highness was present at a Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication at the Church of St Lawrence, Towcester, Northamptonshire.

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, Pestalozzi Children's Village Trust, was present this evening at a Reception to mark the launch of the London Committee of the Trust at the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, AFASIC (Association For All Speech Impaired Children), this afternoon presented equipment to the Speech and Language Unit at Lampton Comprehensive School, Lampton Avenue, Hounslow. In the evening Her Royal Highness, Patron of The Royal Surgical Aid Society, was present at a Reception and Meeting at Fishmongers' Hall, EC4.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 3: The Duke of Kent, Colonel Scots Guards, yesterday visited the 2nd Battalion in Northern Ireland.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton.

The Duke of Kent today visited Birmingham where as President he presented the Business and Technician Education Council Awards at the Hippodrome Theatre, as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England attended a reception at the Masonic Hall, and as President, attended the Scout Association Gang Show at the Hippodrome Theatre.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Sir Richard Buckley.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
December 3: Princess Alexandra, Chancellor, this afternoon presided at a congregation for the Conferment of Higher and Honorary Degrees at the University of Lancaster.

This evening, Her Royal Highness was present at a Silver Jubilee Concert arranged by the Rochdale Youth Festival of Music and Speech at the Champness Hall, Rochdale, Greater Manchester.

Princess Alexandra, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lady Mary Mumford.

Appointments

Mr Anthony Reeve to be Ambassador to Jordan in succession to Mr A.J. Cole.

Professor Michael Oliver, president of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, to be chairman of the Joint Committee on Higher Medical Training.

Mr Michael Wilson, of Deloitte, Haskins and Sells, and **Mr Clive Fox**, Director of Lincolnshire and Humberside Arts, to be members of the Crafts Council.

Mr Colin Thomas, Chief Probation Officer in South Yorkshire, to be Chief Inspector of Probation from early next year. He succeeds Mr Clifford Swann.

FOXED.

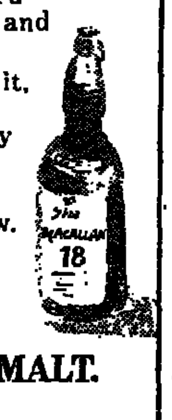
"MY SISTER-IN-LAW is something of a stickler," writes Mr. Holmes of Ealing. "And when I offered the assembled guests an after-dinner glass of The Macallan Malt Whisky the other night, she alone demurred, saying she only drank brandy.

Wishing to check a long-cherished hypothesis, I told her I had a fine old cognac next door.

I went to the kitchen, poured her a balloon of The Macallan, and returned.

She swirled it round, nosed it, sipped, and congratulated me upon a cognac of extraordinary smoothness and maturity.

I did not tell her the truth. You do not know my sister-in-law. But I think I may say that my hypothesis was well and truly proven."



THE MACALLAN. THE MALT.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Greater Manchester from 10.00.

The Prince of Wales, Joint Patron of the Children's Museum, will visit the Eureka Project, South Parade, Halifax, at 10.05; the Magistrates' Court, Harrison Road, at 10.50; and, as Patron of the Civic Trust, will visit Upper George Yard and Market Street at 11.30. As President of Business in the Community, he will visit Lowfield Industrial Site at 12.25; will attend a luncheon at Brighouse Civil Centre at 12.50; and will tour Dean Clough Industrial Park at 2.20. Later, as President of the Prince's Trust, and accompanied by the Princess of Wales, he will attend a Royal Gala Evening in aid of the trust at the London Palladium at 7.20.

The Princess of Wales will open the Drugs Detoxification Unit at Northern Road, Cosham, Portsmouth, at 10.35; and, as Patron of Help the Aged, will open the new head office of McCarthy and Stone at Homelife House, Oxford Road, Bournemouth, at noon.

Birthdays today

The Marchioness of Anglesey, 63; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, royal equerry, 64; Miss Ann Christopher, sculptor, 40; Mr Ronnie Corbett, comedian, 57; Sir Patrick Donner, former MP, 83; Miss Gemma Jones, actress, 45; Mrs Pamela W. Matthews, former principal, Westfield College, 73; Mr Richard Meade, three-day event rider, 49; Mr W.N. Menzies-Wilson, former chairman, Ocean Transport and Trading, 61; Miss Yvonne Minton, mezzo-soprano, 44; Professor Brian Morris, principal, St David's University College, Lampeter, 57; Mr A.L. Rowse, historian, 84; Miss Pamela Stephenson, actress, 37; Mr J.C. Trewin, drama critic and author, 79; the Rev Professor C.J.M. Weir, former professor of Hebrew and Semitic languages, 90.

Receptions

Imperial War Museum
The Duke of Edinburgh was guest of honour at a reception given yesterday by Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy, Chairman of the Trustees of the Imperial War Museum, at the Cabinet War Rooms. Also present were:

Lady Grandy, Mr Christopher Chope (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Environment) and Mrs Chope, Lady Soames, Sir Brian Young, the Right Rev Michael and Mrs Mann, Sir David and Lady Hunt, Sir Barrie Heath, Mr Winston Churchill, MP, and Mrs Churchill, Mr and Mrs Martin Gilbert, Mrs Joan Bright-Astley, Miss Elizabeth Green, Miss Grace Hamblin, Mr Robert Hardy, Mr and Mrs Richard Wilding, Mr and Mrs Giles Hopkinson, Mr Brian McGrath, Brigadier Clive Robertson, Major Rowan Jackson, Captain James Fraser and Dr and Mrs Alan Borg.

Pestalozzi Children's Village Trust
The Duke of Gloucester, Patron of the Pestalozzi Children's Village Trust, was present at a reception held yesterday at the Royal Academy to launch the London committee. He was welcomed by Lord Sainsbury, president, and Mr Richard P. Butler, chairman of the council.

Great Britain-China Centre
Mr Graham C. Greene, Chairman of the Great Britain-China Centre, and the Trustees of the British Museum gave a reception yesterday at the museum to welcome the new Chinese Ambassador and Mme Wang Xiangtong.

Management Consultancies Association
Mr Richard Owen, Chairman, and Council Members of the Management Consultancies Association, were hosts at their annual reception held yesterday at the St Stephen's Club. Mr Denys Henderson, Chairman of ICI plc, was the principal guest.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Carlyle, Ecclefechan, Dumfriesshire, 1795; Samuel Butler, author of *The Way of All Flesh*, Langar Rectory, Nottinghamshire, 1835; Rainer Maria Rilke, poet, Prague, 1875; Katharine Susannah Prichard, novelist, Levuka, Fiji, 1883; Sir Herbert Read, poet and critic, Kirbymoorside, Yorkshire, 1893.

DEATHS: Thomas Hobbes, philospher, Hardwick Hall, Derbyshire, 1679; John Gay, poet, London 1732; Robert Banks Jenkinson, 2nd Earl of Liverpool, prime minister 1812-27, London, 1828; Stefan George, poet, Minusio, Switzerland, 1933; Benjamin Britten, Baron Britten, Aldeburgh, 1976.

The Observer was first published, 1791. William Pitt introduced income tax, 1798.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr L.E.J. Arkwright
and Miss C.S. Banks
The engagement is announced between Loftus, son of Mr John Arkwright, of Winkleigh, north Devon, and of the late Mrs Margret Ann Arkwright, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Banks, of West Chiltington, West Sussex.

Mr G.G.D. Bacon
and Miss J.H.S. Green
The engagement is announced between George Gavin Dalrymple, elder son of Mr and Mrs G.C.D. Bacon, of Hill House, Enford, Wiltshire, and Joanna Hermione Seager, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.S. Green, of Herbert Mansions, Sloane Street, London.

Mr M.A. Brant
and Miss J.K. Edwards
The engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Jack Brant, of Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr Colin Edwards, of Upavon, Wiltshire, and Mrs Shirley Edwards, of Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

M J-L. Conan
and Miss A.J. Ingram
The engagement is announced between Jean-Luc, elder son of M and Mme Jean Conan, of St Pierre, Quiberon, France, and Jackie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Ingram, of Driffield, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Mr P.F. Galvez
and Miss A.J. Diamond
The engagement is announced between Pascal, only son of the late M F. Galvez and of Mme F. Galvez, of Jonage, Lyon, France, and Alice, only daughter of Captain and Mrs A.V.M. Diamond, of Frilsham, Berkshire.

Mr G.D.V. Griffiths
and Miss F.E. Evans
The engagement is announced between Graeme, son of Mr and Mrs D.A. Griffiths, of Lindley, West Yorkshire, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.F. Evans, of Petersfield, Hampshire.

Captain A.E.W. Hamilton-Briscoe
and Miss J.F. Duke
The engagement is announced between Anthony Hamilton-Briscoe, The Light Infantry, eldest son of the late Major R.J. Briscoe and of Mrs J. Hamilton, stepson of Mr J.F. Hamilton, of Warwickshire, and Jacqueline Fiona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.C.E. Duke, of Grantham, Lincolnshire.

Mr M.H. Hayward
and Miss E.C. Horsley
The engagement is announced between Mark Hansell, only son of the late John Hansell Hayward and of Mrs Angela Greaves, of South Croydon, and Emma Caroline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Horsley, of Finchley.

Mr I.A. Hunter
Miss C.T. Forword
The engagement is announced between Angus, son of Mr and Mrs I.W. Hunter, of Chapmore End, Hertfordshire, and Claire Therese, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.N. Forword, formerly of Zimbabwe and now resident in Adelaide, South Africa.

Mr A.G.S. Huxley
and Miss D.M.F. Bunch
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Canon and Mrs S.S. Huxley, of Wylam, Northumberland, and Dominique, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Bunch, of Sittingbourne, Kent.

Mr J.A.L. Kerbel
and Miss B. Brown
The engagement is announced between Joel, son of Mr and Mrs J. Kerbel, of Toronto, Canada, and Barbara, daughter of the late Mr H.L. Brown and of Mrs D. Brown, of London.

Mr K.J. Leslie
and Miss T. Cain
The engagement is announced between Keith, son of Mrs S. Leslie, of St. Mary's Bay, Kent, and Tracy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Cain, of Sheffield, Yorkshire.

Mr T.I. Page-Ratcliff
and Miss C.F. Rogerson
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Ivan Page-Ratcliff, of Oakley Green, Berkshire, and Catherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Rogerson, of Eversley, Hampshire.

Mr M.L. Pettitt
and Miss L.A.D. Briscoe
The engagement is announced between Mark, youngest son of the late Mr David Pettitt and of Mrs Phyllis Pettitt, of Morden, and Lucy, third daughter of Dr and Mrs John Briscoe, of Eton.

Major J.H.O'H. Pollock
and Miss Z.B. Maxwell-Hyslop
The engagement is announced between James Pollock, Irish Guards, eldest son of Brigadier J.P.O'H. Pollock, of St Catherine's, Upper Froyle, Hampshire, and Mrs M.J.P. O'Cock, of Church Farm, Kington Langley, Wiltshire, and Zara, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs A.B. Maxwell-Hyslop, of Toller Whelme, Beaminster, Dorset.

Mr P.R. Sharland
and Miss A.L. Jones
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr R.E. Sharland, of Fordingbridge, Hampshire, and Mrs J.A. Sharland, of Ringwood, Hampshire, and Alicia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Jones, of Llanarthne, Dyfed.

Mr R. Sopher
and Miss C. Shashoua
The engagement is announced between Rick, son of Dr and Mrs David Sopher, and Carol, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Shashoua.

Lieutenant-General Sir Ian Jacob (centre), a former director-general of the BBC, was entertained to luncheon yesterday by the Chairman of the BBC, Mr Marmaduke Hussey (left) and Mr Michael Checkland, the current director-general.

Dinners

Company of Makers of Playing Cards
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present at the annual dinner of the Company of Makers of Playing Cards held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Alderman Christopher Walford, Master, presided and the other speakers were the Lord Mayor, Sir Douglas Morpeth and Mr B.G. Rigg, Senior Warden.

Civil Defence College
Mr J.B. Bettridge, Principal of the Civil Defence College, presided at a dinner held yesterday at the college to mark its fiftieth anniversary. The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for the Home Department, also spoke. Viscount Mersey, Dame Barbara Shenfield, Sir Clive Rose, Air Marshal Sir Leslie Mavor and Mr M.E.J. Rush, President of SOLACE, were among those present.

Guild of Motoring Writers
Lord Strathcarron, President of the Guild of Motoring Writers, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall. Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, the Hon Gerald Lascelles and Mr Gordon Spice, who was voted Driver of the Year, were among those present.

London Society of Rugby Football Union Referees
Mr R.A.B. Crowe, President of the London Society of Rugby Football Referees, presided at a dinner held last night at the Café Royal. Mr John Burgess, President of the Rugby Football Union, Mr Dennis H. Easby, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight and Mr Timothy J. Titheridge also spoke.

Baltic International Freight Futures Market
Mr Paul Vogt, Chairman of Baltic International Freight Futures Market, was host at a BIFFEX Members' dinner held in the Queen's Room at the Baltic Exchange, last night. The guest of honour and speaker was Mr Verner Southey of Messrs Clyde & Co.

Society of County Treasurers
The annual dinner of the Society of County Treasurers was held yesterday at Painters' Hall. The president, Mr John Parkes, Director of Finance of Humberside County Council, was in the chair and the principal guests and speakers were Mr T.H. Caulcott, Chief Executive of Birmingham City Council, and Mr J.M.M. Banham, Director General of the CBI. Representatives of county councils and local authority associations and the heads of Civil Service departments were also present.

Society of English and American Lawyers
The Lord Chief Justice was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Society of English and American Lawyers held in Middle Temple Hall on November 30. Mr Michael Brown, chairman, presided and among those present were:

Lady Lane, the Master of the Rolls and Dame Mary Donaldson, Lord Justice and Lady Mustill, Mr Justice and Lady Steyn, Sir Robert Megarry, Judge Eric Stockdale (president of the society), and Mr William Simmonds (secretary of the society).

Canning House
Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, President of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, was host last night at a dinner held at Canning House in honour of Ambassadors and Heads of Mission of Latin America, Spain and Portugal. Sir James Cleminson, Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, was the guest of honour.

Service dinners

17th/21st Lancers
The annual dinner of the 17th/21st Lancers was held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. The Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier J.W. Turner, presided.

Royal Army Ordnance Corps
Major-General G.B. Berragan presided at a ladies dinner night given by Officers of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps last night at the HQ RAOC Officers' Mess, Deepcut. General Sir Richard Trant, Major-General P.W.E. Istead, Major-General W.L. Whalley, Major-General M. Callan and Major-General P.J.O'B. Minogue and their ladies were among those present.

Memorial service

Mr O. O'Brien
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Owen O'Brien was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Mr Michael O'Brien, son, read the lesson and Mr Ted O'Brien, son, read *Sea Fever* by John Masefield. Mr Bill Keys and Mr Teddy O'Brien, brother, gave addresses. Among those present were:

Mrs O'Brien (widow), Mrs Ted O'Brien and Mrs Michael O'Brien (daughters-in-law), Mr and Mrs Cornelius Lordan (son-in-law and daughter), Miss Denise O'Brien (daughter), Mr and Mrs Graham Bridges (stepson-in-law and stepdaughter), Mrs Maxine Robinson (stepdaughter), Sean O'Brien (grandson), Daniel Robinson (stepgrandson), Mr and Mrs Tony O'Brien (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs Teddy O'Brien (sister-in-law), Mrs Flora Costello (sister), Mr Terry O'Brien, Mr Tom Costello, Mr and Mrs S Lordan, Mr Charles Lordan, Mrs Jean Bennett.

Mr Harold Walker, MP, the Hon Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, MP, Sir Edward Pickering (executive vice-chairman, Times Newspapers), Sir Eric Cheadle (director, Thomson International Press Consultancy and Thomson Withy Grove), Mr Danny Sergeant (general president, Sogat, representing the general secretary) with Mr Frederick Smith, Mr Edwin Chard and Mr John Mitchell (national officers), branch secretaries and other past and present members of Sogat and Natsopa.

Mr Harry Conroy (general secretary, NUJ), Mr Ron Todd (general secretary, TGWU), Mr Tony Dubbins (general secretary, NGA), Mr T Parsons (president, London press branch, EEPTU) and Mr Sean Geraghty; Mr Frank Rogers (chairman, EMAP, and deputy chairman, Daily Telegraph), Mr John Winnington-Ingram (Mail Newspapers), Mr Bill Presley (*Mail on Sunday*), Mr Peter Yapp (*The Guardian*), Mr Andrew Cameron (managing director, Express Newspapers), Mr Patrick Lindsay (representing *Daily Mirror* day staff), Mr David S Gordon (group managing director, *The Economist*), Mr Frank Barlow (*The Financial Times*), Mr William Gibson (Financial Times Magazines), Mr K Beale (labour relations officer, *Evening Standard*).

Mr Ken Jones (Reuters), Mr Ken Smallwood (Press Association), Mr John Le Page (director, Newspaper Publishers Association), Mr A T U Park (representing the director, Newspaper Society), Mr Douglas Maurice (British Printing Industries Federation), Mr Ron Miller (London College of Printing), Mr Peter Seabrook (Society of British Printing Ink Manufacturers), Mr Bob Gavron (chairman, St Ives Group), Mr Martyn Ambury (Extel), Mr Frank Syratt (ATAES), Mr Roy Fullick (Information Technology Matters), Mr P Webb (Colliers Sell Matfield), Mr Brian Thompson, Mr Robin Thompson, the Mayor of Islington, Mr and Mrs John Dixey, Mr Ron Leighton, MP, and Mr Keith Keys.

Luncheon

Hay Management Consultants
Dr Claudio Belli, Chairman and Chief Executive of Hay Management Consultants, was host yesterday at a luncheon in London for Mr John Cope, Minister of State for Employment.

Science report

Natural micro-organisms attack leaf worm

By Andrew Wiseman

A scourge of the cotton crops of the eastern Mediterranean is to be fought next summer by a method devised by scientists at Tel Aviv University.

It follows a research programme to develop natural micro-organisms that attack pests and plant diseases, in particular the Egyptian cotton leaf worm.

After 10 years of laboratory and field experiments, Professor Baruch Sneh, a plant pathologist and soil micro-biologist, has been able to demonstrate that the Egyptian cotton leaf worm (*Spodoptera littoralis*), one of the major pests attacking cotton and alfalfa, can be effectively controlled by a micro-organism *Bacillus thuringiensis*.

When Professor Sneh and his colleagues began their work in the mid-1970s no bacterial predator against the Egyptian cotton leaf worm had been identified. Over a decade they subjected a specific strain of *Bacillus thuringiensis* to a series of biochemical and genetic studies in the laboratory, coupled with small scale annual field experiments. Only then were they ready for a major trial.

Between sowing and harvest time they sprayed an alfalfa field of 150 acres on seven occasions with a preparation of *Bacillus thuringiensis* and then compared the crop with one harvested from another field, treated nine times with conventional chemical pesticides.

Although both fields produced a similar yield, the chemical pesticide had also destroyed most of the natural enemies of the leaf worm, and other insects disrupting the balance of the alfalfa eco-system and making future pest control even more difficult. At the same time the bacterial spray had proved itself in practice.

Another investigation being carried out by Professor Sneh, involves the soil-born fungus *Rhizoctonia solani*, which can destroy many types of vegetables, field crops and trees.

He has demonstrated that seedlings become immune to this virulent pathogen 24 hours after they have been planted out in furrows previously treated with a non-pathogenic strain of this fungus.

This treatment also seems to act as a fertiliser: many vegetables "innoculated" with *Rhizoctonia solani* produced better harvests. Yields of radishes rose by 28-36 per cent, those of carrots by 55-70 per cent and lettuce by 62 per cent.

Other crops also benefited: harvest of cotton fibre improved by 29 per cent and of wheat by 16-36 per cent, indicating that *Rhizoctonia solani* could have a significant potential for increased food production.

Although the Israeli team is greatly encouraged by these preliminary results, they recognize the need for further laboratory and clinical tests before this project can also be turned into a commercial successes.

OBITUARY

MR PETER DARRELL

Genius of contemporary ballet

Mr Peter Darrell, CBE, founder of the Scottish Ballet, died in Glasgow on December 2. He was 58, and for almost four decades had been one of the most productive and imaginative talents in British ballet.

His real name was Peter Skinner and he was born at Richmond, Surrey, on September 19, 1929. He was educated at the Sadler's Wells School, joined the opera ballet there and then took part in the inaugural performance of what is now Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet. The lively spirit of that company's early days stayed with him all his life, although he remained only a couple of seasons as a dancer, performing in the *première* of Ashton's *Valses Nobles et Sentimentales*, among other roles.

He then worked in musicals and at the Malmö Opera House, Sweden, until the founding of Ballet Workshop at the old Mercury Theatre brought the chance for would-be choreographers to try their talents. Darrell proved their best discovery, and from 1951 to 1955 he made a series of skilled and original works there. This experience led, in 1952, to his first professional commission when Anton Dolin invited him to do a new version of *Harlequinade* for Festival Ballet.

From the first, Darrell had two guiding aims: to use classical ballet to entertain the widest possible public, and to introduce contemporary themes and the influences of other theatrical skills. This led, in 1956, to a collaboration with the like-minded Elizabeth West, who was teaching at the Old Vic School in Bristol. Together they founded the company which was then called Western Theatre Ballet. After her untimely death, in 1962, Darrell remained in sole charge.

That company soon won a high reputation for the drama, humour and individuality of its productions, starting with *The Prisoners* (1957), which has been revived frequently. Also notable among Darrell's very large creative output for that company were his modern-dress interpretations of Debussy's *Jeux* and the first ballet to be based on Beatles music, *Mods and Rockers*.

In his early days he did much work also for television, notably the popular *Cool for Cats* programme. He created ballets also in Canada, Germany and Switzerland.

But his life's work was devoted primarily to the company he had helped to found. It grew into a cohesive ensemble of highly skilled and expressive performers. He was rightly proud of his ability to spot potential in his recruits.

From 1965 the company had its base at Sadler's Wells. *Fun into Darkness*, given there in 1966, was the first British three-act ballet on a contemporary subject, with a libretto by the playwright David Yudkin and a score by Malcolm Williamson.

In 1969 the company accepted an invitation to move its base to Glasgow, where it became Scottish Theatre Ballet and, later, in recognition of a widening repertoire and purpose, Scottish Ballet.

Darrell's choreography remained its foundation stone. *The Tales of Hoffman* and *Cinderella* are probably the best examples of his long narrative works, which also included *Mary Queen of Scots*, a radical new treatment of *Swan Lake* and an intelligent and stylish production of *Giselle*. However, he brought in other choreographers too, sometimes neglected ones. He also introduced several of Bournonville's nineteenth-century classics in productions which often outshone those of richer and larger companies.

He was always encouraging young dancers to attempt choreography, and gave them frank but constructive criticism.

His popularity with the dancers was manifested during the 1970s when they unanimously said they would resign if the board went ahead with a plan to change the company's direction. The strength of Darrell's policies was demonstrated more recently when the rich repertoire he had built up enabled the company to survive during two years when financial stringency prevented any new productions.

A man of immense charm and amazingly sustained enthusiasm, Peter Darrell had for some time successfully fought against illness. But as a result of that, together with some bitter unhappiness in his private life and the strain of doing a demanding job for about 30 years, he announced last year that he would like to hand over his responsibilities as director and devote himself to choreography and education. No successor has yet been found, so he died in harness.

MR EDWARD BARNSLEY

Mr Edward Barnsley, CBE, one of the great craftsman of the century, died on December 2, aged 87. He was an artist in wood, whose most celebrated work was possibly the archbishop's throne and lectern in Canterbury Cathedral. But his furniture is to be found in embassies, boardrooms, and Government offices, as well as in private homes.

William Edward Barnsley – son of Sidney Barnsley, who made furniture from his own designs developed from the ideas of William Morris – was born on February 7, 1900.He was educated at Bedales School, and served with the Inns of Court Regiment in the last year of the Great War.

Bedales, with its traditions of encouraging its pupils' creative instincts, had a powerful hold on him. He returned to that part of the country after the war, and in 1919 started an apprenticeship under Geoffrey Lupton, also a Bedalian, who had a joinery workshop at Froxfield, near Petersfield.

During his apprenticeship he helped to build the famous Bedales library; and while working there he met and married, in 1925, a fellow pupil, Tania Kellgren.

Barnsley then went to the Central School of Arts and Crafts in London, where the principal, Charles Spooner, quickly decided that there was little more for him to be taught in the design of furniture. He returned to Froxfield to collect his tools, only to learn that Lupton was retiring and generously wanted to hand over the business to him.

At first, he followed in the family tradition, producing well-made but perhaps rather heavy pieces of furniture, but he soon developed his own incomparable style. Lightness and function were the guiding principles. He introduced the timeless delicacy associated with eighteenth - century design

His deceptively simple oak covers for the Domesday Book were seen by many at the 1986 Domesday Exhibition. In all, there are records of seven thousand of his pieces, from more than 1,500 designs.

Barnsley had a great ability to impart his enthusiasm and skill. Many apprentices went through his workshop. In addition, he was much in demand as a lecturer, with a particularly long association with the Loughborough College of Technology. His work is in permanent collections in several museums.

When he retired, an educational trust was established to maintain the traditions of the Froxfield workshop, where his son, Jon, still works.

He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

Luis Federico Leloir, the 1970 winner of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry, died in Buenos Aires yesterday, aged 81.

A medical doctor by profession, he received the award for his work in the discovery of sugar nucleotides and their role in the biosynthesis of carbohydrates. The nucleotides are intrinsic constituents of all living matter and are found in various cells.

MR GEORGE SEAWRIGHT

Mr George Seawright, one of the most extreme Protestant politicians in Northern Ireland, died yesterday from the injuries he received when he was shot by Republican terrorists in Belfast on November 19. He was 36.

His militant sectarian views on Ulster led him to join Mr Ian Paisley's Ulster Protestant Volunteers in his native Glasgow. His move to Belfast – where he worked (intermittently) as an electrician – followed his marriage to a local girl in the early 1970s.

He joined the Democratic Unionist Party, and quickly built up a following among the Protestant working classes in North Belfast. The leadership of the DUP tried to keep him out of elected office, but he stood successfully for the Belfast City Council in 1981 and for the short-lived Northern Ireland Assembly a year later.

His views landed him in court three times. One of those cases followed his notorious suggestion in regard to Catholic schools that the Belfast Education and Library Board should "acquire an incinerator and burn the lot".

In the general election earlier this year he showed that he retained significant support in North Belfast, coming third and polling over 5,000 votes.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men ...
1 Thessalonians 3 : 12

BIRTHS

ARMSTRONG - On November 29th 1987, to Fiona (née Copeland) and Richard, a son, Thomas Graham.

BAILEY - On December 1st 1987, to Ann (née Williams) and Roger a daughter, Rebecca Ann.

BOOTH - On Tuesday December 1st at West London Hospital to Clare (née Greenwood) and Andrew, a daughter, Emily Ann.

CADBURY - On November 28th, to Julie (née Dean) and Nigel, a son, William Ben, a brother for Claire and James.

de COURCY-WHEELER - On November 18th 1987, to Sylvia and George, at the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, a daughter, Movana Alice Spence.

GLOVER - On November 27th, at St. Thomas's Hospital, to Celia (née Montague) and Stephen, a son, a brother for Edmund.

GRANT THOROLD - On November 30th 1987, to Lisa and Nick, a son, Christopher Harry (Harry)

GRAY - On November 30th, at Westminster Hospital to Catherine (née Naylor) and William, a daughter.

HILTON - On October 31st, to Cyndy Miles and Anthony Hilton, a second son, Peter.

JAMES - On December 2nd, to Anne (née Peile) and Ronald, a daughter Eleanor Charlotte, a sister for Rosamund Gwendoline.

JOHNSTON - On November 29th, to Anne (née Collier) and Andrew of Bibury, Glos, a son Harry.

KING - On November 30th, in Hong Kong to Debbie (née Tysoe) and Matthew, a daughter, Clementine Beatrice.

MOORE - On December 1st, to Louisa (née Phillips) and Malcolm, a son.

PETERS - On December 2nd, to Nancy and Kit, a daughter, Molly Leander.

ROBERTSHAW - On December 1st, at York District Hospital to Nicky and Chris a son, a brother for Esme Jane. Great Joy.

MARRIAGES

STOW:MOCKFORD - The marriage took place on Saturday November 28th at The Church of St Nicholas, Alfold, Surrey of Geoffrey M.F. Stow, LVO and Mrs Desirée Jean Mockford.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

MORGAN PRICE - On December 4th 1937, at St Mary's Church, Southampton, Ken to Dorothy.

SARKIES:SKILLINGTON - On December 4th 1937 in London, John to Norah.

DEATHS

BARTLEET - On December 1st 1987, peacefully after a short illness, Ruth, of Leamington Spa, aged 81 years. Beloved aunt of Michael, Tony and Stephen, and all the family. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Leamington Spa on Wednesday December 9th at 2.30pm. Floral tributes and donations may be sent to: H.J. Dawson Ltd, Funeral Directors, 22 George Street, Leamington Spa.

BOSE - On December 1st, at home in New Barnet after a long illness, Kamal, devoted husband of Kanika and muched loved father of Kalyan. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London, NW11 on Sunday December 6th at 12.00 noon. Flowers, if desired to Leverton & Sons Ltd, 39 Brent St, London, NW4 2ED by Friday 3.30 pm.

BOYD-WALLIS - On December 1st, aged 61 years, Peter Duncan of Bettws Ifan, Newcastle Emlyn, Dyfed. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service at St. John's, Bettws Ifan, on Monday December 7th at 2 pm, followed by cremation at Narberth, at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to National Society for Cancer Relief, c/o. Y Grath, Seaview Place, Aberystwyth, Dyfed.

BRYANT - On December 2nd, peacefully at her home, Peggy, aged 73, of Tunbridge Wells. Widow of Basil, dearly loved mother of Ian and Jonathan, greatly loved and loving Grannie and devoted twin sister of Betty. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, Wednesday 9th December at 3.30pm. No flowers but donations to British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1.

CHISNELL - On December 2nd, 1987, peacefully in hospital Harry Reginald Chisnell (Priest) aged 77, much loved husband of Diana, loving father of Catherine and Paul and grand-father of Elisabeth. Service at St. Wilfrid's Church, Harrogate, on Monday December 7th at 2.00pm. No flowers by request but donations if desired to St. Mary's Church Restoration Fund, East Bergholt, or St. Wilfrid's Church Fabric Fund, Harrogate.

CORY - On December 2nd, at home, Nancy Lucy. Beloved wife of the late Maxwell Cory, mother of Mark and the late Nanella Measures and grandmother of Paul. Funeral service at 2.30 pm on Monday December 7th 1987 at All Saints Church, Banstead, followed by cremation at Leatherhead Crematorium.

CRAM - On November 30th 1987, peacefully in Guy's Hospital, Walter Robert Charles Foster. Will be greatly missed by relatives and friends. Church service will be held in St Philip's Church, Sydenham on Tuesday December 8th at 1pm, followed by cremation at 2pm at Honor Oak Park Crematorium.

CRITCHLEY - On December 2nd, peacefully, at St Luke's Nursing Home, Sheffield, George Norton, aged 83 years. Much loved widower of Mary, father of Ian and Tom, grandfather of John and Tim. Funeral at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium, Sheffield on Tuesday December 8th at 3pm.

DOCKREAY - On December 2nd, 1987 at The Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Patricia, aged 67 of Stanwell, Middlesex. Beloved wife of Ted and mother of Ian and Stuart. Funeral service on Tuesday December 8th at 12 noon at St. Mary's Church, Stanwell, followed by private cremation at Hanworth Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Royal Marsden Hospital, Downs Road, Sutton, Surrey.

DONNELLAN - On December 1st 1987, peacefully in her sleep, Elizabeth of Ladybird Cottage, Laughton, Gainsborough, much loved daughter of the late Mr & Mrs J F Smee of Altrincham, Cheshire, beloved wife of Michael. "With peace in her heart Lord at the end of the day".

DRYSDALE - On December 1st, suddenly at home at Guildford, Samuel Drysdale (Jock), dearest husband of Betty and devoted father of Richard, Sandy, Craig and Alan. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Quarry Street, Guildford at 2.45 pm Friday 4th December, followed by private cremation. All enquiries to Pimm's Funeral Services 0483 67394.

FAIRHOLME - On November 29th 1987, at Meadbank Nursing Home, Phyllis, very much loved mother of Gerald and loved grandmother of Claire, Stephen and Edward. A wonderful and courageous mother forever in our thoughts Service to be held at St Mary Abbotts Church on Monday December 7th at 10.30am, and after at Putney Vale Cemetry.

FITZGERALD - On December 1st 1987, peacefully after an illness courageously borne. In the loving care of the Sisters of Charity and the staff of St. Vincent's Private Hospital, Professor Oliver, of Dublin. Beloved husband of Clio, also sadly missed by his children Alexis, Barbara, Cliodna, Nesta, Oliver and Ann, sister Peggy, brother Fr. Kyran S.J., daughters in law, sons in law, grandchildren, sisters in law, brothers in law, relatives and friends. Funeral took place yesterday, Wednesday, to Glasnevin Cemetery. Rest in Peace.

FOOT - On December 3rd 1987, peacefully after a short illness, at Roxburghe House, Milltimber. Dr Glennys, Chiropractor of Ararat, Victoria, Australia, and Aberdeen, beloved wife of Peter. Much missed.

FORWOOD - On November 30th, in Hospital, Judy of Coten, Guilsborough, Northants, daughter of the late Eric and Katy Forwood. Cremation private. Memorial Service at St. Etheldredas, Guilsborough, Northants on Thursday 10th December at 2.00pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Injured Jockeys' Fund, 4a High Street, Welwyn, Herts, AL6 9HE.

FRASER DARLING - On December 1st 1987, at Grantham Hospital, Marian "Bobbie" Fraser Darling, aged 87. Dearly loved by all her family and many friends. Funeral on Friday, December 4th at 1.30pm at St. Vincent's Church, Caythorpe. Family flowers only. Donations to Caythorpe Church Fabric Fund, to David Holland & Son, London Road, Grantham.

HANDL - On November 29th, peacefully at home, Irene. Funeral Tuesday December 8th, 12 noon at West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium. Cut flowers only.

HAYMAN - On December 1st 1987, in hospital, Richard Gould, of Eccles, Kent. Funeral at Medway Crematorium, Robinhood Lane, Chatham, on December 9th 1987 at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Jubilee Sailing trust, Atlantic Road, Southampton. SO1 1GD.

HURST - On December 1st, after a short illness in a nursing home in London, Robert Joseph former architect, father of Peter and Brian. Funeral service for family and close friends on Friday 4th December at 2.pm at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane NW11. No flowers.

JARVIS - On Tuesday December 1st, peacefully, Mary Eveline Jarvis, formerly Headmistress of Brecon School, aged 95 years. Funeral at Christ Church, Cheltenham on Wednesday December 9th at 2.00 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

JONES - On November 30th, Dr.Jane Gwenllian Bevan, aged 86.

KORNITZER - On December 2nd, after a short illness, Beatrice Ena, loved sister of Margaret. Funeral service, Christchurch, Shortlands, Bromley, on Thursday December 10th at 2.15pm, followed by cremation privately. Family flowers, any donations to St. Christopher's Hospice, 51 Lawrie Park Road, Sydenham, SE26.

LENEGRE - On December 1st, at Seaford, Walter Alfred Louis, M.B.E. aged 92, late of Ealing and for many years Principal of the L.C.C. Pulteney Institute, London. Loved and admired by his family and friends. Cremation at Eastbourne, at 4.00pm on December 7th. Enquiries to Seaford Funeral Service Tel 0323 893889

LINDSAY - On November 27th 1987, tragically as the result of a road accident in Scotland, John Anthony, aged 36, dearly loved husband of Janis, and father of Fraser and Jenny. Will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Funeral Service at Christchurch, Radlett, Herts. Enquiries to: Chas Nethercott & Son, Potters Bar, Tel: (0707) 52288.

MASON PEARSON - On November 30th 1987, suddenly yet peacefully in his beloved Portugal, Eric ("Macey") aged 73. Dearly missed husband, father and grandfather. Funeral to be arranged in England.

MOBSBY - On December 2nd 198.7 peacefully at his home, Shillingstone, near Blandford, Dorset, Eric George Herbert, aged 83 years. Reunited with his wife Freda. Funeral service at the Church of The Holy Rood, Shillingstone on Friday, December 11th at 12 noon to be followed by interment. Flowers, or if preferred, donations for the British Heart Foundation may be sent to Colin J. Close, Funeral Director, 13 Salisbury Street, Blandford, Tel. (0258) 53133.

SAXBY - On November 28th peacefully at Holyport, Maidenhead, Alice Saxby MVO, aged 83, formerly Matron of King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, London. Cremation at Slough Crematorium, on Wednesday December 9th, at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to King Edward VII Hospital (Appeals Officer), 6 Buckingham Place, SW1. Thanksgiving Service will be held at St James's Church, Spanish Place, George St, W1, on Friday December 11th at 11.00 am to be seated by 10.45 am.

QUAS-COWAN - On November 30th 1987, peacefully at home, Irene Madeleine, aged 83 years, of Aynho Park, Aynho. Dearly loved wife of Casper. Enquiries to Trinder Funeral Service, 122 Middleton Road, Banbury. Telephone 0295 50980

WALKER - On December 3rd, peacefully at her home, Hout Bay, Cape, South Africa, Janna (née Russell) beloved mother of Lucy.

WALTON - On November 27th, suddenly, John, of Empingham Rutland, aged 72 years. Much loved husband of Pat and father of Diane, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret and Peter, and adored grandad of Nicholas, Kathryn and Elise. Private family cremation. Memorial Service at Oakham School Chapel to be announced in the New Year.

WARD - On December 1st 1987, suddenly, Harold Michael Hanslip, much loved husband and father. He will be remembered with love and admiration by all who knew him. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Langham, near Colchester, Essex on Wednesday December 9th at 11.15 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St. Helena Hospice, c/o W.H. Shepherd Limited, 93 High Street, Colchester, Essex.

WHEATCROFT - On December 2nd 1987, peacefully in his sleep, Professor George Shorrock Ashcombe, much loved father and grandfather. Funeral service noon on Thursday December 10th at St. Michael's Church, Sunnyside, Ivy House Lane, Berkhampstead. Flowers to Malcolm Jones, 368 High Street, Berkhampstead, Herts. A memorial service will be arranged later.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

EVANS - The Memorial Service for Dr John Stephen Evans, of Eltham and Halstead, will take place at Christ Church, High Street, Eltham, SE9 on December 5th at 12.45.

HARVEY - Bagenal. A service of thanksgiving for the life of Bagenal Harvey will be held at 11am on Wednesday 16th December 1987 at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street.

PALUMBO - A service of thanksgiving for the life of Rudolph Palumbo will be held at St Stephen Walbrook, London EC4 on Friday December 18th at 11.30am. For further details ring: 01 626 9236.

ROBINSON - A celebration for the life of Forbes Robinson, the distinguished British bass singer, will take place at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, London WC2 on Friday December 11th at 12 noon, organised by the Royal Opera House in association with the Savage Club.

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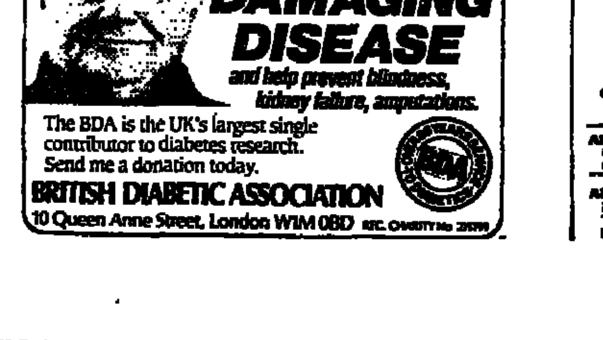
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D. R. KEAST
Assistant Secretary
Southside, 105 Victoria Street,
London, SW1E 6QT.
December 4, 1987.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 005050 of 1987
IN THE MATTER OF ROCKWOOD HOLDINGS PLC
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 23rd November 1987 confirming the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 30th November 1987.
Dated this 4th day of December 1987
Ashurst Morris Crisp
Broadgate House
7 Eldon Street
LONDON
EC2M 7HD
Solicitors for the above named Company

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF VERONICA B LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at 116 New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 0QT on 6th January 1988 at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
A list of the named and addresses of the creditors of the company will be available for inspection at 116 New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex on 4th January 1988 and 5th January 1988 between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.
DATED this 19th day of November 1987
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D.A. CARTER
Director

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF HILL GROUP LIMED
W.G. HILL & SON (INSURANCE) LIMITED
HILL (COMMERCIAL) LIMITED

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HAWKINS AND NURICK LIMITED. Company number: 1380028. Nature of business: Wine Wholesalers and Retailers. Type of Liquidation: Members and Creditors. Registered office: Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2. Liquidators name and address: Christopher J Hughes and John M Thompson both of Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London, EC2. Office Holder Number: 2084 and 5285 respectively. Date of appointment: 23rd November, 1987. By whom appointed: Members and Creditors.

CONNOISSEUR WINES PLC. Formerly JORDANS 186 PLC. Company Number: 1802093. Nature of business: Wine Wholesalers and Retailers. Type of Liquidation: Members and Creditors. Registered Office: Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2. Liquidators names and address: Christopher J Hughes and John M Thompson both of Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2. Officer holder number: 2084 and 5283. Date of appointment: 23rd November 1987. By whom appointed: Shareholders and Creditors.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106 (1)
In the matter of Pre-Form Limited
High Court No. 001786 of 1987
Notice is hereby given that I Melvyn Laurence Rose of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Chartered Accountants Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London, NW9 0BS was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 30th September 1987.
MELVYN L. ROSE F.C.A. F.C.C.A.
LIQUIDATOR

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106 (1)
SILVERGLEN LIMITED
IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr George Albert Auger, Certified Accountant, of Messrs STOY HAYWARD, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of th above named Company on 4 November 1987.
Dated this 18 day of November 1987
G A AUGER
LIQUIDATOR

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 005612 of 1987
IN THE MATTER OF SKETCHLEY PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 13th day of November, 1987 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Peter Gibson at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Monday 14th day of December, 1987.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 4th day of December 1987
Allen & Overy
9 Cheapside
London EC2V 6AD
Solicitors for the above-named Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 006020 of 1987
IN THE MATTER OF SMITHS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice Chancery Division dated 16th November, 1987 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 18th November, 1987.
Dated this 4th day of December, 1987
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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 006021 of 1987
IN THE MATTER OF MALLETT PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice Chancery Division dated 16th November, 1987 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by the sum of £1,761,212 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 18th November, 1987.
Dated this 4th day of December, 1987
Allen & Overy
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 005890 of 1987
IN THE MATTER OF WELLMAN PLC
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice Chancery Division dated 16th November, 1987 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company from £7,171,263.40 to £2,030,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 18th November, 1987.
Dated this 4th day of December, 1987
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London EC2V 6AD
Solicitors for the above-named Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 005790 of 1987
IN THE MATTER of Control Securities Plc
AND IN THE MATTER of the Companies Act, 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 20th November 1987 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company, by the sum of £9,831,392.
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ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
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DATED the 1st day of December 1987
D J Freeman & Co
43 Fetter Lane
London EC4A 1NA
Tel 01-583 4055
Ref: VMT/CHB/66480
Solicitors for the said Company

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Divided world of dockland

The renaissance of London's Docklands can be viewed as a triumph of inner city redevelopment, a property developers' South Sea Bubble, or simply the most insensitive planning blunder of the decade. All three views were advanced in last night's *40 Minutes* (BBC2), which used a broad brush to paint a picture of heedless yuppies windsurfing on the Thames while the original Isle of Dogs residents rot in high-rise slums.

This was a programme made on the principle that every issue needs a human face; in this case there were two faces. Anthony, the gilts trader, came across as a plummy-voiced ass who bemoaned the lack of decent restaurants in which to meet "the locals". Terry, the shop assistant, lived with his wife and new baby on the ninth floor of a tower block and seemed far more eloquent and socially aware. His father gave the camera crew a tour of the luxurious guarded compounds, where City whizzkids cower behind their entryphones while "mug a yuppie" graffiti are sprayed on walls with the blessing of an organization called East End Class War. The blatant collision of wealth and poverty could have come from President Marcos's Manila.

An excellent documentary could be made about the development of the East End, but this programme had no ambitions beyond making these two dull men appear interesting. It had no authoritative perspective.

There was a passing sneer at "the Bangladeshis" from Terry, but no interest in the East End's ethnic communities. The London Docklands Development Corporation was maligned but not interviewed. The historical roots of the present situation were barely touched. Instead we endured the tedium of barbecues with Anthony and whingeing from Terry.

Celia Brayfield

A National asset

Thelma Holt, who brings foreign theatre to the South Bank and promotes the NT overseas, is to quit next year, laments

Irving Wardle

The revival of Peter Daubeny's long-lamented World Theatre Season in the shape of the South Bank's International Theatre 87 Series has been one of the great events of the year. Capacity audiences packed into the Lyttelton to see O'Neill in German, Shakespeare in Japanese, and Strindberg in his native tongue. After such a programme and such a response, the inescapable question is: what next?

The bad news is that Thelma Holt – the architect of the venture – will not be around for any sequel at the National Theatre. Reverting to her official task as Head of Touring and Commercial Exploitation, she will be spending 1988 promoting the company's products around the globe, including Peter Hall's farewell Shakespeare triptych (*Cymbeline, The Winter's Tale,* and *The Tempest*). When Hall finally quits the South Bank in September, so will she, although she will maintain a freelance relationship with the National for another international season in 1989.

Even without that fallback, I would have no fears about Miss Holt's future. Several organizations have collapsed round her ears, but on each occasion another Thelma Holt-shaped hole miraculously appeared elsewhere to accommodate her talents as an entrepreneurial fairy godmother. From Charles Marowitz's stricken Open Space she moved on to rescue the Roundhouse; from the Roundhouse she moved to the Theatre of Comedy, where she succeeded in uniting Leonard Rossiter with Orton's Truscott of the Yard – a role he was born to play – just before his death. Arriving at the South Bank in 1985, she was entrusted with getting the company out on the road.

Miss Holt did rather well at that. In the previous year they had spent three weeks in foreign parts: she pushed that up to 17 weeks, not counting a brisk programme of regional whistle-stops. For this, Peter Hall decided she was entitled to a little reward, and invited her to run her own international season. "Feel you're back at the Roundhouse," he said. Getting the Board to approve her programme was child's play (perhaps because nobody had seen any of the productions on her list). Raising the money was another matter.

On arrival at the National Theatre, Miss Holt had imagined that her fund-raising days were at an end; but as she discovered: "The trouble with working here is that everybody thinks you're rich. Nobody thinks that if you're working in Chalk Farm."

Armed with this insight, she went back to her old Roundhouse benefactors, including Robert Maxwell (her former Treasurer) and Cyril Stein of Ladbrokes: whereupon Peter Hall's pumpkin blossomed into a golden coach, complete with hotel expenses and *per diem* allowances for the visiting Cinderellas.

Here, though, her programming did run into some resistance. Why bring over something as unknown as Peter Stein's production of *The Hairy Ape* instead of his *Three Sisters*? Why bring the Russians, they're only good at dance?.

"I wanted *The Hairy Ape*", she explained, "because of the set. We didn't do too well with a boat last time, in Ayckbourn's *Way Upstream*. I thought we might do better with an ocean-going liner than a yacht. I just wanted to build that boat, and so did the Lyttelton crew. It was a shock seeing 14 trucks outside, and it took nine days getting it up, but it set the pace for the rest of the season.

"As for *Tomorrow Was War*, I didn't want some great Russian classic: I wanted that play: even though it meant using simultaneous translation, which I hate. Vanessa Redgrave offered to teach me to pronounce the names, or to help in any other way. I suddenly realized what she was saying, so I let her do the simultaneous translation. I had her and I didn't pay her a penny: well, I paid her £12.50 for reading poems alongside Gevarj Emin and Bella Akmudalina."

As the glittering season reached its zenith, Miss Holt was sending out cards depicting a blackened disaster victim clawing her way out of a pit of rubble. Inside was inscribed: "It's been hell, but we'll do it again." Whether or not she will be there to do it in person, she has firm ideas on how future seasons should be organized.

Thelma Holt: "If you work here, then everybody assumes you are rich"

"International work should only happen every other year," she insists. "There isn't enough to do it annually, and it should be spread evenly over the year, not packed into a festival. I don't like festivals any more, there's too much hype; and as we've got Edinburgh we don't need a London festival as well. The important thing we established this year was to slide Stein and Bergman into our own repertory: one night it's us, another night it's them, but we're all colleagues. I hope they'd do the same for us. The ideal thing for foreign work would be for the National Theatre and the RSC to shelve competition and join forces. It would be very hard to organize, but it would be lovely to unite under one big British banner and give our guests Britain's two best houses to play in."

Gone astray

CONCERTS

Philharmonia/ Preston

Festival Hall

In the 18 years between its composition and his death, Handel made countless alterations to his *Messiah*, adapting it shamelessly to the time, place and circumstance of its performance.

It is, indeed, open to many different styles of performance. However, not perhaps all at once.

Last night, Simon Preston, the Philharmonia Orchestra and Chorus insisted that we taste them all. There were the razor-sharp double-dotted rhythms of reform, and the well-cushioned strings of tradition. There were the lavish ornaments of "authenticity" and the rhetoric of Victoriana; the cold objectivity of a rhythmically clipped "Behold the Lamb of God" would turn to the semi-parlando close-focus of "He was despised".

If there was one quality which gave the performance homogeneity at all, it was a sense of complacency springing from the rejection of the heartfelt fervour of the past, and a timid accommodation of the living stylistic discoveries of the present.

The chorus, perhaps, suffered most. Whether it was at the hands of its trainer, Andrew Greenwood, or of Preston himself we shall never know. But "His yoke is easy" was certainly taken at a pace at which the tenors' burthen was by no means light.

It was a performance in which the movement from Passion to Resurrection, from darkness to light, had all the momentum of a dimmer switch. However, one contribution shone out. David Wilson-Johnson, alone of the soloists, sung as if he had carefully thought through his phrasing, rather as an orchestral leader might bow his part. Helen Donath alternated between a breathy vibrato of fervour and languid line; Anne Collins, standing in at short notice for an indisposed Alfreda Hodgson, took us back to the heartfelt Huddersfield days; and Robert Tear expended the better part of his energy singing along with the chorus and backseat-driving with his fellow soloists.

Hilary Finch

ECO/Menuhin

Barbican Hall

Antonio Stradivari died 250 years ago this year, so the Royal Acadamy of Music enterprisingly made this Gala concert, in aid of its appeal, a commemoration of that fact. Nine soloists and most of the orchestra played Stradivari instruments.

But are these still really Stradivari's instruments? Drastic alterations have been made since they were first built, and they are now bowed quite differently, using a markedly different implement. Only the bodies remain anything like genuine, and it says more for the maker than anything else that they still make a sound uniquely glorious in the manner of the 20th Century.

Gala concerts with many star turns are often messy, if good natured affairs, and this one was no exception. Toshiya Eto and Franco Gulli's full-bodied performance of Bach's D Minor Double Concerto suffered from slipshod ensemble under Sir Yehudi Menuhin's direction, as did many another piece in the evening.

In the slow movement of C.P.E.Bach's A Major Cello Concerto, Zara Nelsova offered us more big tone than momentum, while Manoug Parikian (*Spring*), Maurice Hasson (*Summer*) and Daniel Phillips (*Winter*) each romped a little tamely through his allotted Vivaldi Season.

Thank goodness for Nigel Kennedy, hair a-glitter and red carnation planted inside pocket, who charged like a maniac through *Autumn* caring not a jot about sliding off course now and then; and for Robert Cohen, who brought a similar but more accurate sparkle to the finale of Haydn's C Major Cello Concerto.

Stephen Pettitt

CLS/Hickox

Llandaff Cathedral

Flaubert demurred at the idea of *La Légende de St Julien-l'Hospitalier* being illustrated, unless only with a picture of the stained-glass window in Rouen Cathedral that had stimulated his tale. Quite what he would have made of a musical transposition of his work is perhaps a question best left unanswered, but Alun Hoddinott, in his *Legend of St Julian*, clearly labours under a much greater shadow than the Rouen glass threw across Flaubert's pages.

It is, inevitably, the tone of the tale that is lost. Possibly Flaubert's illuminated medievalism could have been equalled by some recourse to Gothic music, but that is not Hoddinott's way. In Myfanwy Piper's text, the narrative is formalized simply by having a reader declaim in the past tense between choral and solo panels in the present. The sure continuity of Hoddinott's music, however, puts everything into the same tense, and the melodrama – of which there is a lot – covers much that is not in the score: notably an aptly menacing-attractive accompaniment to the scene of the stags' slaughter.

There is also the problem that music wants to amplify what Flaubert touches in by sleight of hand, so that Julian's apotheosis, which the tale does in half a sentence, becomes a glowing major-chord peroration. But by this stage it has already long been clear that an extraordinary piece of prose is turning into an insufficiently extraordinary cantata.

Richard Hickox conducted his own Singers and City of London Sinfonia, with Brian Kay more Flaubertian than most in the even clarity of his narration.

Paul Griffiths

DANCE

Giselle

Covent Garden

The Royal Ballet has begun a run of *Giselle* with at least one of its announced Giselles, at least one Albrecht and quite a few other dancers injured, and the intended conductor having withdrawn through illness.

However, the replacements who went on in several of the leading roles last night are all experienced and there is no need to apologize for them on grounds of unpreparedness. My complaint would be that it looked all too much of routine performance, competent but without excitement.

I suppose the lack of chemistry between the two principals must be excused since they were each meant to appear with a different and presumably better-suited partner.

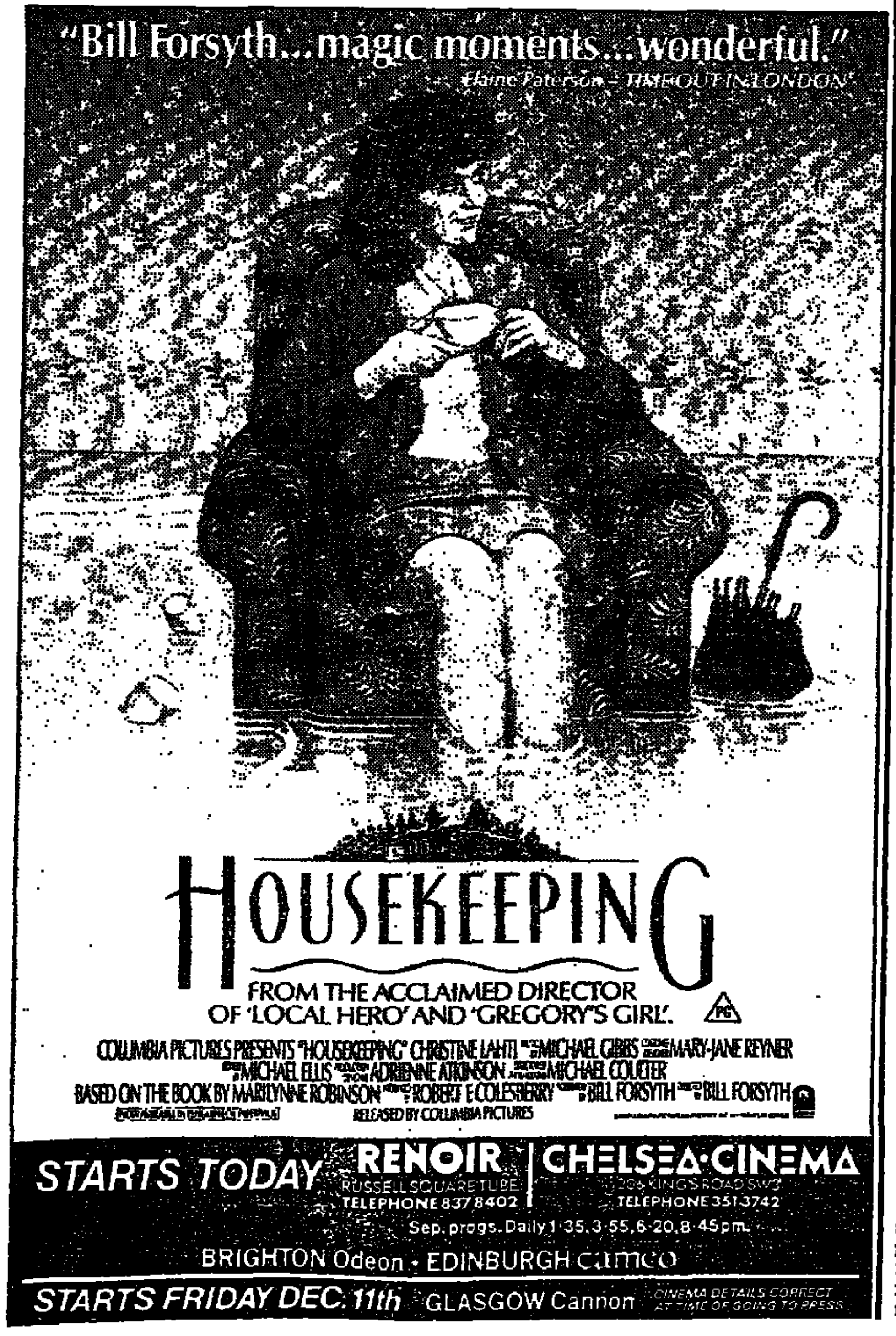
Lesley Collier's dancing was, as always, intelligently shaped and musically controlled, but Mark Silver has not the presence to draw out the drama in her. His remote, stylized, almost narcissistic acting clashed with her dogged realism. Silver's solo dancing had more spirit than I have seen from him lately, but it is thin and spindly in texture,; not much body to it.

It was notable that the one or two individual performances which stood out in this cast came from young dancers still keen to make their mark. In the *Pas de Six*, Errol Pickford showed a zest and punch lacking from his colleagues. As Myrthe, leading the ghostly Wilis, Tracy Brown soared with impassioned grace and curving impetus.

Seeing John Macfarlane's designs again after a gap, I still find that his costumes and setting for the first act, all within a limited colour range, have a camouflage effect. But after the recent storms, his fallen, shattered trees in act two have a new poignancy.

Anthony Twiner secured sound tempi in the orchestra pit, but ears shaken by Haitink's recent tenure might hope for something more.

John Percival



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THEATRE

The Way To Go Home

Royal Court Theatre Upstairs

There have been one or two good novels about tourists (Henry James and E.M. Forster come to mind), but I cannot think of a decent play on the subject. Perhaps the essential rootlessness of travelling is inimical to the homing-in, or homed-in, nature of drama. Rona Munro has the odds against her in attempting to write a dramatic travelogue.

We find ourselves in *Midnight Express* country, with two young Scottish lasses on a Turkish bus getting rather more excitement than they bargained for. The difference is that instead of the Turkish authorities (mercifully absent), they run foul of a demented American GI, a kind of Disneyland Rambo who likes dressing up as Mickey Mouse and waving a gun. I am afraid that I appear to have spilled the beans; for that, in essence, is all that happens – by no means enough, in my view, to fill more than two hours on stage.

Nearly all the rest of the time is taken up with the swapping of travellers' tales by the two girls. Sharon Muircroft as Liz and Caroline Paterson as Sharon almost managed to make these seem consequential, but the characters do not possess enough depth.

Fellow travellers: Sharon Muircroft and Caroline Paterson

Sharon is a raucous, bob-tailed blonde from Glasgow who knows very little about anything but seems intent on broadcasting her ignorance. After 20 minutes sitting next to her on a bus I would be reaching for the Walkman. Quieter, more experienced Liz is kinder and takes this noisy naive under her wing.

The roles are reversed after the tense, violent but not very plausible scene involving MacKenzie, the nutty GI; but the relationship of the two girls has never developed enough to make this truly affecting. In fact, it looks like one of those travelling friendships brought about by circumstance rather than affinity.

Pip Broughton's direction and Alice Purcell's sets are both beautifully detailed. Sadly, they cannot provide a home for this footloose play.

Harry Eyres

LONDON DÉBUTS

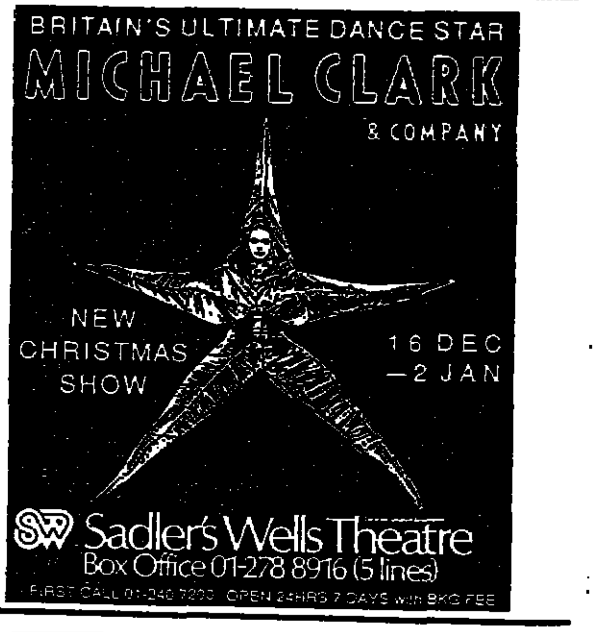
Richard May, BBC Young Musician of the Year in the string section for 1984, had an eventful start to his programme, a new work following hard on a broken string a couple of pages before the end of Shostakovich's D minor Cello Sonata (Noël Goodwin writes). Picking up after a hurried repair, he finished the sonata with cool aplomb, having shown a mastery of the long unbroken line and a lovely resinous tone.

He and **Michael Dussek** at the piano then premièred Five Duos by Colin Matthews, linked miniatures of contrasting tempo and intensity.

The **Kreisler String Quartet** from Northwestern University of Chicago, who zealously guard a collective anonymity for their three women and one man, favoured an eclectic repertoire, pairing Beethoven with *Jazz for String Quartet* by Lynden de Young.

If polished elegance and tasteful sentiment was any guide, they have a feeling for style more widely apparent in the Quartet by Ravel. A sharper bite would have been welcome in some of this, but it showed much skill and poise.

● The conductor **Philip Ellis** is bright, vigorous and has an obvious taste for the limelight of the podium (Stephen Pettitt writes). In his debut concert with the English Camerata, he secured some impressively tight ensemble playing for Stravinsky's *Pulcinella* Suite and for Mozart's Symphony No. 40, but as yet, he expends rather too much energy on gestures that seem predominantly exhibitionistic. Many other conductors of quality are very ready to wave their arms in elaborate patterns, but Ellis should study Simon Rattle or Roger Norrington, who are exciting to watch, but whose principal concern is to be noticed by the players.



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Nanny knows best

Having an 'English' nanny does not merely bestow a social cachet upon American superbrats – it prepares them for life, says Victoria McKee

Carl Glassman

Perfect posture, please: learning how to be properly British at the English Nannies School in Cleveland, Ohio

A new secret weapon is being primed for use against the American superbrat. Precocious children, urged to speak at six months and read Shakespeare before they have cut their milk teeth, are about to be introduced to the traditional British nanny.

In the land of the Nobel sperm bank and the Prenatal University, where education begins *in utero* to create toddlers who read the *New York Times*, there is a growing yearning for the good old days when children were seen . . . and not heard spouting the Dow Jones Index.

Enter, on cue — and preferably floating under an umbrella — the British nanny, to perpetuate the cosy childhood world of Winnie the Pooh and honey for tea, for which Americans yearn.

"People want English nannies because they will read the children nursery stories and tuck them into bed at a decent hour and keep childhood in perspective," says Sheilagh Roth, who runs the booming English Nannies School in Cleveland, Ohio.

Roth, who is English but married to an American, spotted the gap in the market and originally hoped to import British nannies to the United States. But when immigration laws banned such an invasion, she decided to set up a school — which is housed in, though not part of, Case Western Reserve University, where her husband teaches — to train American candidates in the Mary Poppins technique.

"We stress proper discipline and table manners," Roth says. She takes the "etiquette" class herself and believes that an English nanny should provide a mixture of innocent fantasy and firm discipline.

So far 126 nannies have passed through the school's programme, in the uniform of "bisque pinafore with bow tie" which is rather reminiscent of an airline stewardess; there are now 20 institutions loosely linked under the aegis of the American Council of Nanny Schools, which plans to develop a national "competency" test for nannies.

"We believe in fairy tales and rocking chairs and cuddles," Roth says proudly.

At a major conference on childcare this month in Chicago, the issue was high on the agenda. David Rikind, an eminent child psychologist and president of America's National Association for the Education of Young Children, deplored the way "parents are risking their children's long-term opportunities for happy and complete lives by pushing them into structured instruction at earlier and earlier ages".

Dr George Sterne, chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics' committee of early childhood, said: "I've had children come to me who have schedules that would boggle the average adult: 60 hours of instruction, what with pre-school, piano lessons, dance lessons and what-not."

But this is not the only reason for the sudden popularity of the English-style nanny.

Paranoia, fanned by frequent reports of kidnapping and child abuse, seems to be sweeping America and parents worry about leaving their children with untrained babysitters. The recent case of a well-to-do professional couple who beat a child so badly that it died caused revulsion across the country, and almost daily there are tales of kidnapping — whether across state or international borders.

In Washington DC, a senior woman executive admitted with some embarrassment that she had not dared to go back to work until her daughters were of school age — and then only part-time — because she could not find anybody she felt confident to leave them with.

At the Chicago conference Roth came face to face with her British counterpart, Louise Davis, the Principal of Norland. The women differed — as bitterly as irreproachable politeness would allow — over whether Roth could really turn out fully trained nannies after a three-month course, when Norland takes two years over the procedure.

Roth maintains vehemently that she can, because she doesn't get raw, young recruits but women with previous childcare experience, who are willing to pay the $1,500 (£800 at current exchange rates) fee for the promise of a substantial salary and the pick of the jobs. The Americans are turning nannying into a profession, she asserts, not just a pre-marital pastime as it is for many girls in Britain.

"I set standards," Roth says severely. "My nannies do *no* housework and I don't even let them go into a houshold without other staff — even if it's only a part-time cleaning lady." Newly qualified, her nannies can command a salary of $12,000 — plus room and board. This quickly rises to about $16,000 and in Manhattan they wouldn't sign on for less than about $18,000 she says. (Roth gets 10 per cent of the nanny's arrival salary from the family). "We scour the city for suitable applicants — we're head-hunters."

She boasts that her nannies tend to be very loyal to their employers, and stay in their well-paid posts for more than three years — compared with the hasty turnover, often as little as six months, with the generally younger British girls (though not, of course, Norland nannies).

The only advantage they don't have, Roth admits, is a British accent. "They'd *love* me to teach that," she smiles — seemingly oblivious to the fact that she has all but lost hers.

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Take me to your leader's spouse

BARBARA AMIEL

The nice woman I spoke to at the White House Press Office told me that she expected about 2,000 American reporters to be in Washington covering the summit next week. She didn't know how many of those would be assigned exclusively to cover the wardrobe of Raisa Gorbachov, but she took the question seriously. "The interest in Mrs Gorbachov," she replied, "is very high in America."

It is an American habit to raise the profile of the leader's consort to extraordinary heights. It started with Mary Todd Lincoln and it has continued right up to Nancy Reagan. Sometimes I muse over the symmetry of the criticism aimed at those two wives, and wonder if Mrs Reagan gets comfort from knowing she is not the only first lady to be accused of reckless extravagance in the decoration of her household and person. Americans have always revelled in "spousal politics", with an obsessive interest in the politician's wife and family.

In this sense, the United States and the Soviet Union run the gamut of extremes. Before Raisa, Soviet wives and children were so indistinct as to be a matter of speculation. It was not until Andropov's funeral that it was finally confirmed that there was a Mrs Andropov and son at all. As far as I can remember, tyrants traditionally have had no visible spouse, offspring or consort to speak of. Eva Braun received her publicity posthumously and the only real exception I can think of is Catherine the Great's Grigori Potemkin, who remained prime favourite even though he ended up procuring young boys for her. A tyrant's wife achieves visibility at her peril, as did Madame Mao when Mao Tse-tung was enfeebled, and she paid for it.

In the United States, on the other hand, we had the unnerving spectacle of Jimmy Carter informing the nation that his policy discussions included chats with his frightful pigtailed child Amy.

I'm not sure that we can draw any far-reaching conclusions from the contrast between the Byzantine stiffness of the Soviet system and the vulgarity of the Americans. All it does, I think, is tell us something about the country's style rather than its substance.

Either approach could produce a great leader. For my own taste, I lean toward something in between these extremes, rather like our own western Europe where spouses have a function commensurate with their own talent and qualities.

Mrs Mitterrand and Mr Thatcher quite definitely exist, but I'm pretty much in the dark about their views on most matters, which is as it should be. If a spouse wants to start offering views distinct from simply murmuring support for her husband's stance, well, she'd better run for office herself.

> **Americans have an obsessive interest in the politician's wife and family**

By Soviet standards, Raisa breaks all rules. It is rumoured that Gorbachov's opponents in the Soviet Union are now accusing her of promoting a "personality cult". This phrase, of course, does not mean what it means in western terms and has absolutely nothing to do with whether Raisa has a visible personality or not. Just as when once the Russians wanted to talk about the hated China they used the word Albania, so "personality cult" is a synonym for "Stalinist" which in turn is now a term for anything that is the enemy.

"Do you discuss national policies, political difficulties and so on?" was the famous question put to Gorbachov about his relationship with Raisa by American television interviewer Tom Brokaw last week. His answer: "We discuss everything", was greeted with warm approval in the United States where the *New York Post* front-paged the story "Just Like Ron And Nancy!" The significance of this comment was not whether or not it was true, which is anyone's guess. The importance is that Gorbachov understood that a western leader would claim to discuss everything with his wife even if he doesn't, while a Soviet leader would be uncomfortable saying that, even if he does — which is why that exchange was censored in the Soviet re-broadcast.

Gorbachov is the first Soviet leader who has a shrewd understanding of the style of western politics. Insofar as he is running for office, he is doing it in the United States, not the Soviet Union. "He's the best presidential contender we've had so far," one news commentator cracked. This acceptance is helped immensely by Gorbachov's own engaging television personality — and was not hindered by Brokaw, the CBS news presenter from Omaha, who now earns close to £1 million a year in return for his clean-cut good looks and unabrasive interview technique.

One must not get stuck in antediluvian attitudes to communism, I keep telling myself. Well, one shouldn't, even though I can't help thinking that any clever tyrant would rather be the leader of a a rich and efficient tyranny instead of an inefficent and poor one. And if he can slow down defence costs and see his tottering empire propped up by western subsidies, then what harm in assuming the style of a western politician and claiming that he discusses human rights with his wife over breakfast?

Still, Gorbachov is not duty bound to be a charitable institution and has every right to use *rapprochement* and *détente* to both his own personal political advantage and that of his country. After all, why begrudge him a good deal so long as the deal is also good for the West? Meanwhile, as Raisa and Nancy get out the ballgowns for next Tuesday's state banquet, one can only sit back, watch the hemlines and muse that it must be better to dress to kill than dress to die.

Present stars are helping future ones in a family show with a difference

Unsung heroes of a mini-opera

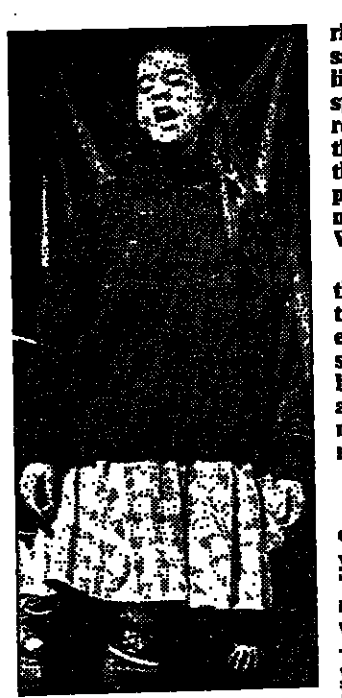
Nicholas Kraemer is standing on a pew in a large cold church in Notting Hill, with his brother Timothy's score for his new children's opera, *Ulysses and the Wooden Horse*, resting on the lectern in front of him. Forty children, mostly girls, between the ages of nine and 16 are ranged over the altar steps, singing.

"Very feeble — come on now," says the conductor. They start again, singing "Feel the power of the horse", but Nicholas interrupts patiently. "You're a whole beat out. I can't go One Two on the night."

In different corners of the church various adults coach groups of children on movements, exits, entrances, and the words of a song. Meanwhile in the vestry, with a bottle of wine and plastic cups to cheer them on, mothers are sorting, sewing and measuring costumes.

This is the W11 Children's Opera Group, preparing for its 17th production. It is put on — with sponsorship — to an extraordinarily high standard, demanding immensely hard work from enthusiastic amateurs (100 local children and their parents) and from the professionals who direct them.

Nicholas Kraemer, artistic director of the London Bach Orchestra and the Irish Chamber Orchestra and principal conductor of Divertimenti, is the musical director; the stage director is Susanna Best, assistant director to the English Shakespeare Company, and the designer is Claire Lyth, currently designing *Candida* for the West End and *Hamlet* for Liverpool.



Diminutive diva: W11 star Jenny Cavanaugh

The organization starts in July at a fund-raising garden party and auditions take place early in September. Only one week before opening the opera is performed as a whole. "Everyone forgets *everything* they've done," sighs Best, "and one thinks it will never be right." For the professionals this is a strictly uncommercial project. They do it because they believe in the creative educational processes of the experience, and because they love it. Working with children like this is an enormous challenge.

"Children need a lot of rhythm and strong tunes," says Timothy Kraemer, a cellist, whose musical interests span baroque and jazz and rock — all of which he uses in the score. For the composer, this is a good shop window, as publishers, agents and school music teachers are regular W11 Children's Opera-goers.

At 15, Adam Suschitsky is the oldest boy taking part in the opera. With four years' experience behind him, he says he likes this year's music best of all. "The catchy tunes and use of puns make the music and words easy to memorize," he says.

Jenny Cavanaugh is 16, and has had a solo part almost every year. This year she plays Helen of Troy. "Each year I love it even more," she says. "It's hard work, and it teaches you a lot — not just the kind of things you learn at school." At eight, Hannah Shuckburgh is the youngest member of the cast: "It's *very* exciting," she says.

It was Serena Hughes, a piano teacher and viola player, who founded the opera in 1971, with Nicholas Kraemer. After an absence Hughes is now back — as rehearsal pianist. "Over the years it's kept its atmosphere, though it's slightly less villagey now. There are far more parents involved, and it's all more streamlined." Productions may have become more lavish and more ambitious, "but we have kept to legends because they have a timeless element."

Sarah Drummond

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Ulysses and the Wooden Horse is being performed at St Peter's Church, Kensington Park Road, London W11, tomorrow and Sunday at 5pm and 8pm each day. Performances last approximately one hour. Tickets (£2 each) are available at the back of the church.

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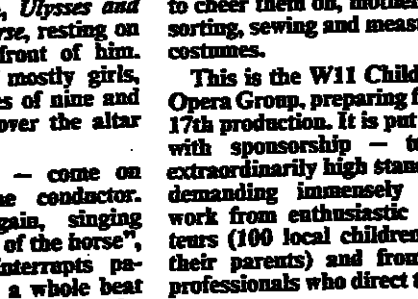

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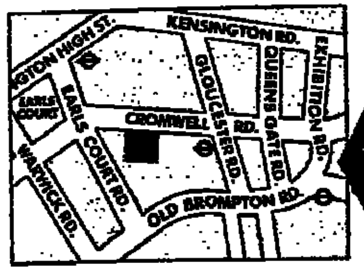

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **'ALLO, 'ALLO:** Return of last year's stage version of the TV show.
Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street, W1 (01-839 5987). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10.20pm, Fri and Sat 8.40-11pm, mats Fri and Sat 5.30-7.50pm, £7.50-£14.

★ **BACK WITH A VENGEANCE:** Dame Edna Everage back again joshing the possums.
Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.30pm. £6.50-£17.50.

☆ **BELLS ARE RINGING:** Lesley Mackie in Jule Styne's tune-packed telephone musical.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (01-858 7755). Station: Greenwich. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £3-£10.

☆ **CINDERELLA:** Traditional version with Suzi Quatro as the prince and Paul J Medford (ex-Kelvin from EastEnders) as Buttons.
Shaw Theatre, 100 Euston Road, NW1 (01-388 1394). Tube: Euston. Tues-Sat 2.30-5pm and 7-9.30pm, £6, child £4.

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack waging eccentric war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's new comedy.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mats Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£14.50.

☆ **LYLE:** World première of musical by Charles Strouse (composer of *Annie*) about a New York family who adopt the croc they find in their bath.
Lyric Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.30pm and mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm. £5-£8.

☆ **MACBETH:** Exhilarating Cheek by Jowl's new production; Keith Bartlett in the title role. Last week.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street, WC2 (01-240 8230). Tube: Leicester Square/Covent Garden. Today and tomorrow 7.30-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.45pm, £5-£8.

☆ **PRIVATE MEMBERS:** The two Go-Go Boys have a go at sex scandals in parliamentary places.
Half Moon Theatre, 213 Mile End Road, E1 (01-790 4000). Tube: Stepney Green. Mon-Sat 8-10pm. £3.50.

☆ **SERIOUS MONEY:** Caryl Churchill's searing musical play on City ethics.
Wyndhams Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8-10.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-10.45pm, mats Fri 3-5.30pm and Sat 4-6.30pm, £5-£13.50. (D)

☆ **TWELFTH NIGHT:** The five-man ACTER Shakespeare Company (formerly attached to the RSC) on a two-week visit to London. No director and much doubling.
Young Vic Studio Theatre, 66 The Cut, SE1 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Tonight 7.45pm, mat 2pm, £5.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business Of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036)... ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171)... ☆ **Me And My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ★ **Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

DERBY: ☆ **Gaslight:** Patrick Hamilton's classic thriller: watch out for the tell-tale gas flame.
Playhouse Theatre, Eagle Centre (0332 363275), today and tomorrow 8pm. £3.50-£5.50.

LEEDS: ☆ **A Chorus of Disapproval:** Alan Ayckbourn's adventures in the world of amateur operatics.
Playhouse Theatre, Calverley Street (0532 442111), Mon and Tues 8pm, Wed-Sat 7.30pm, £4.50-£6.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **Loot:** Patrick Barlow and Bernard Gallagher in revival of Orton's inimitably heartless comedy.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 624 2829), Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£6.90.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **The True Story of The Titanic:** Satiric comedy shows up the follies and arrogance behind the well-known shipwreck.
Crucible Studio Theatre, Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, £3.50.

STRATFORD: ☆ **Measure for Measure:** New production of Shakespeare's play set in Vienna, directed by Nicholas Hynter, with music by Jeremy Sams.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford (0789 295623), tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm, £3.50-£17.50.

STRATFORD: ☆ **The New Inn:** Ben Jonson's exploration of the nature and honour of true love. Directed by John Caird, with music by Guy Woolfenden.
Swan Theatre, Stratford (0789 295623), tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. £3-£13.

FILMS

■ Also on national release
☎ Advance booking possible

BEST SELLER (18): Police thriller with a wobbly plot but impressive performances from Brian Dennehy (the cop plagued by an unsolved case) and James Woods (a cold-blooded mystery man). Directed by John Flynn; with Victoria Tennant (95 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35, 11.20.
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 7615). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.10, 8.50, 11.45.

CRY FREEDOM (PG): Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle and liberal sentiments; with Kevin Kline as journalist Donald Woods, drawn into the case of South African activist Steve Biko (Denzel Washington) (158 min).
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234). Progs 2.00, 5.30, 8.30, 11.15.

INNER SPACE (PG): Imaginative comic fantasy from the Spielberg factory. Dennis Quaid is the miniaturized Air Force pilot implanted by error into the body of a meek grocery clerk (Martin Short). Joe Dante directs (119 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.20, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.10, 11.20.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.30, 6.15, 9.10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 12.55, 3.10, 5.35, 8.10, 11.15.

JEAN DE FLORETTE (PG): Absorbing, beautifully acted version of Marcel Pagnol's novel about Provençal life in the 1920s; with Yves Montand, Daniel Auteuil and Gérard Depardieu. Directed by Claude Berri (121 min).
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 2.20, 4.45, 7.10, 9.35.
Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

MANON DES SOURCES (PG): Ten years after the death of Jean de Florette, his eighteen-year-old daughter still haunts the hills overlooking the farm her father stole from Soubeyran, played by Yves Montand (120 min).
Curzon Mayfair (01-449 3737). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

MAURICE (15): Set before the First World War, E M Forster's novel about Oxbridge gaiety, with James Wilby as the suffering Maurice and Rupert Graves as the gamekeeper with whom he falls in love (140 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 5.50, 9.00.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 2.15, 5.35, 8.45, 11.50.

A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY (PG): Two soldiers, battered by the First World War, come to terms with their problems in a remote Yorkshire village. Directed by Pat O'Connor, with Colin Firth, Kenneth Branagh and Natasha Richardson (104 min).
Gate Notting Hill (01-727 4043). Progs 2.00, 3.40, 5.10, 7.10, 9.10, 11.15.
☎ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.05, 9.05.

■ **ROXANNE (PG):** *Cyrano de Bergerac* reworked by and for Steve Martin, as a fire chief whose nose seems to prevent true love (107 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.25, 8.05.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.35, 6.00, 8.20, 11.15.
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 1.40, 3.40, 6.00, 8.20, 11.15.

■ **THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK (18):** Jack Nicholson's satanic stranger dominates this bumpy adaptation of John Updike's clever novel about the battle of the sexes. With Susan Sarandon, Cher, Michelle Pfeiffer. George Miller directs (118 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.15, 5.00, 8.15, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.15, 5.10, 8.10, 11.20.
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TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

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1 (-) Cry Freedom
2 (-) Inner Space
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CONCERTS

★ **NATWEST PLEASURE:** In the "Classics for Pleasure" series Andrew Litton conducts the LPO in Shostakovich's noisy Festival Overture, Rachmaninov's Paganini Rhapsody (Andrew Wilde, piano) and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). 7.30-9.20pm, £4.75. (D)

The outrageously gaudy suit worn by Max Miller (above), the costumes of the male impersonators Hetty King, Vesta Tilley and Ella Shields and Bud Flanagan's fur coat are featured in *Down at the Old Bull and Bush*, a music hall exhibition at the Barbican. Other artistes evoked through their props are G. H. Elliot (the "chocolate coloured coon"), whose shoes, trousers and waistcoat are on display, and Little Tich, represented by his two-foot long boots. There is a silver salver presented in New York to Marie Lloyd, a lamp used by Dan Leno in the pantomime *Aladdin* and cane and song sheets belonging to Randolph Sutton, whose famous song was "On Mother Kelly's Doorstep". Also of interest are the ledgers kept by theatres which record the engagements of music hall stars and their salaries. The artefacts come from the collection of the British Music Hall Society and are rarely put on public display. But they are due to have a permanent home in a museum being created in a restored church at Silvertown in East London, opening in two years' time. *Down at the Old Bull and Bush* has been planned to complement the Barbican's big exhibition on *The Edwardian Era*. Terrace Foyer, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-683 4141), Monday to Saturday 11am-7.30pm, Sunday noon-7.30pm, free, until January 7.
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☆ **HORNIMAN BACH:** The Horniman Singers and Surrey University Players combine under the baton of Sebastian Forbes for a performance of Bach's Christmas Oratorio.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm. £3.50, £4.50.

☆ **MIKULKA MUSIC:** The guitarist Vladimir Mikulka is heard in various items by Rodrigo, Albeniz and Bach.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **HINDEMITH RARITY:** Hindemith's excellent Cello Concerto is unearthed by Janos Starker and the BBC Philharmonic under Bryden Thomson. Fore and aft: Mozart's Symphony No 36 "Linz" and Beethoven's Symphony No 7.
Central Hall, York University, York (0904 644194), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **FUN IN VENICE:** The Royal Northern College of Music Sinfonia performs Lutoslawski *Venetian Games*, Casken's *Kagura*, Varèse's *Octandre*, Crosse's *Ariadne* and Holloway's Concerto No 3.
Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester (061 273 4504), 7.30pm, £2.50.

☆ **LONDON BACH:** Nicholas Kraemer conducts the London Bach Orchestra and Singers in a somewhat mixed bag — Albinoni's *Concerto à Cinque*, Handel's *Dixit Dominus*, a Torelli concerto for oboe and trumpet, and Bach's *Aus der Tiefen* Cantata BWV 131.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £4-£8.80. (D)

OPERA

☆ **HMS PINAFORE:** New Sadler's Wells Opera continue their tour of Christopher Renshaw's popular production.
Theatre Royal, Theatre Square, Nottingham (0602 482626), 7.30-10.20pm, £3.50-£11.

☆ **THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO:** Giles Havergal's harum-scarum production for Welsh National Opera.
Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Street, Southampton (0703 229771), 7.15-10.30pm, £6.50-£20.

★ **RIGOLETTO:** Jonathan Miller's *mafioso* production back in fine form at English National Opera, with John Rawnsley in the title role, Arthur Davies as the Duke and Susan Bullock as Gilda. Paul Daniel conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£21.50.

DANCE

☆ **THE DREAM:** Ashton's romantic comedy for the Royal Ballet is given with Robbins's uproarious *The Concert* and Bintley's Mozart ballet *Galanteries*.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10pm, £1-£30.

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** Two performances of André Prokovsky's dramatic production for Northern Ballet Theatre.
Palace Theatre, Oxford Street, Manchester (061 236 9922), 2-4pm, £2.25-£6.25 and 7.30-9.30pm, £4.50-£12.50.

☆ **GLORIANA:** Michael Corder's new work to Britten music for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet is given with other recent productions by David Bintley, Susan Crow and Graham Lustig.
Apollo Theatre, George Street, Oxford (0865 244544). 7.30-9.45pm. £4-£14.

JAZZ

☆ **PHILIP BENT:** Putting the flute back on the map, the Jazz Warrior is one of the brightest prospects for 1988.
Jazz Café, 56 Newington Green, London N16 (01-359 4936), 8.30pm, free.

☆ **DAVE O'HIGGINS:** The ex-NYJO saxophonist with bassist Alec Dankworth, son of John.
The Stables, Wavendon, Milton Keynes (0908 583928), 8pm, £3.50.

☆ **BOBBY PORCELLI:** Well-established on the Continent, the American sax player (ex-Buddy Rich, Mel Lewis) is a rare visitor to this country.
Flambards, Rose Crescent, Cambridge (0223 62550), 8pm, £4.

☆ **DON LUSHER:** The trombonist's big band pays tribute to Benny Goodman, Stan Kenton and others.
Fairfield Halls, Park Lane, Croydon (01-688 9291), 8pm, £6.50-£8.50.

ROCK

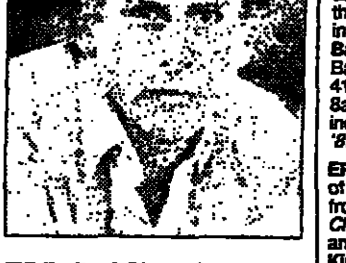
★ **PRINCE'S TRUST GALA:** See caption.
London Palladium, 8 Argyll Street, London W1 (01-437 7373) 7pm, £25-£100.

★ **TERENCE TRENT D'ARBY:** The hard line pop-soul star and raving egomaniac who caused a minor sensation at the time of his first two singles, "If You Let Me Stay" and "Wishing Well".
Academy, 211 Stockwell Road, London SW9 (01-326 1022) 7.30pm, £7.50, for two nights.

★ **THE CULT:** A shamelessly derivative pastiche of the heavy rock styles of groups like Led Zeppelin and AC/DC. Seventies rock for the Eighties teenager. Support is Balaam and the Angel.
Manchester Apollo, Arwick Green (061 273 3775) 7.30pm, £6.

★ **ALISON MOYET:** Lately she has frittered away her unusually soulful voice on less-than-stunning material. Support is jazzy pop star in-the-making, Thomas Lang.
Cornwall Coliseum, Carlyon Bay, St Austell (072 681 4004) 7.30pm, £8.

☆ **KATRINA AND THE WAVES:** Welcome return of the "Walking On Sunshine" and "Sun Street" band, led by chirpy, Kansas-born Katrina Leskanich.
Mean Fiddler, 28a Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490) 8pm, £5.



While Paul Simon has graduated to the ranks of the solo super-élite, not much has been heard recently about his erstwhile partner, Art Garfunkel (above). However, he makes a rare British appearance tonight at the star-infested Prince's Trust gala (see listing). It is thought that the lanky one will sing "Bridge Over Troubled Water", the title track of the 1970 album which sold over eight million copies. A new Art Garfunkel album, provisionally titled *Moment Of Truth*, is scheduled for release in April 1988.

GALLERIES

STARTING A COLLECTION: Work by talented but lesser-known artists intended to appeal to those who do not normally buy art; unfortunately, the final exhibition at this venue.
The Warwick Arts Trust, 33 Warwick Square, London SW1 (01-834 7856). Wed-Sun 10-5pm, free, until Dec 10.

GRAHAM CROWLEY: Narrative paintings about modern urban life and anxieties.
Chapter Arts Centre, Market Road, Canton, Cardiff (0222 396061). Tues-Sun 12-5pm and 7-10pm, free, until Dec 20.

FERNAND LÉGER (1881-1955): 100 paintings, drawings and watercolours from the artist's later years.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-377 0107), Tues-Sun 11-5pm, £2.50, free, until Feb 21.

VERONICA RYAN: Sensual floor sculptures based on organic and floral forms.
Castlefield Gallery, 5 Campfield Avenue Arcade, Manchester (061 236 2716). Tues-Sat 10.30-5.30pm, Sun 12.30-4.30pm, free, until Jan 9.

GLASS OF THE CAESARS: 200 exquisite pieces from Imperial Rome, where glass-blowing was first introduced.
British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1555), Mon-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm, free, until March 6.

TALKS

MANNERS AND MORALS: Lecture by Simone Matthews about the Tate Gallery's exhibition on Hogarth and British Painting 1700-1760.
University of London Extra-Mural Society, Gustave Tuck Lecture Theatre, University College, Gower Street WC1, 6.30pm, £1.50.

CONSTABLE: Lecture by Colin Wiggins on the materials and techniques used by the artist.
The National Gallery, Room 35, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), 1pm, free.

WALKS

ROMAN LONDON — THE ORIGINS OF THE CITY: meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £3.

THE JEWISH EAST END: meet Aldgate tube, 11am, £3.

2,000 YEARS OF HISTORY: meet St Paul's tube, 2pm, £3.

ON THE TRAIL OF JACK THE RIPPER: meet Whitechapel tube, 7pm, £3.

HISTORIC PUB WALK — OLD BAILEY: meet St Paul's tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

OTHER EVENTS

RETIREMENT '87: 120 exhibitors including companies selling villas abroad, holidays, insurance companies and organizations such as Age Concern. Plus seminars, theatre events and professional indoor bowling.
Barbican Exhibition Centre, Barbican, London EC2 (01-638 4141). Today 10am-8pm, tomorrow 8am-7pm, Sun 10am-6pm, £4 includes free copy of *Retirement '87 Yearbook*.

ERIC KINCAID: Exhibition and sale of original watercolour illustrations from Kincaid's books — including *Classic Fairytales, Animal Stories* and *Aesop's Fables*.
King Street Galleries, 17 King Street, St James's, London SW1 (01-930 3993). Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, free, until Dec 23.

CASH AND CARRY FASHION FAIR: Over 70 designers selling a wide selection of clothes at bargain prices.
Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8 (01-937 5464). Today 10am-8pm, tomorrow 10am-6pm, 80p.

ALASTAIR HULL CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION: Traditional kelims plus jewellery, pottery, textiles, wooden furniture and bowls from Afghanistan and Central Asia. All items for sale.
London Contemporary Arts, 132 Lots Road, London SW10 (0353 740577). Daily 11am-7pm, free, until Dec 13.

BRITISH MUSEUM FILMS: *Glassmaking in Afghanistan* — the application of ancient techniques in the modern world and *Royal Glassmakers* — showing the modern manufacture of hand-cut lead glass.
British Museum Lecture Theatre, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1555) 3.30pm, free.

THE CITY'S CLOCKS: Exhibition of many of the clocks owned by the Edinburgh District Council, including the fine collections from Huntley House Museum and Lauriston Castle.
City Art Centre, 2 Market Street, Edinburgh (031 225 2424). Today and tomorrow 9am-5pm, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

WINTER AT SNAPE MALTINGS: Six festive concerts include programme of French music from 17th century mass and traditional French carols to Messiaen's religious work (Dec 19); King's College Cambridge Choir perform Bach's *Magnificat* and Britten's *St Nicholas* (Dec 21); and New Year concerts of Bach, and jazz with Loose Tubes (Jan 1 and 2).
Aldeburgh Foundation Box Office, High Street, Aldeburgh, Suffolk (072 885 3543).

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC NETWORK: Series features minimalist composer Michael Nyman's band performing his work, including music composed for Peter Greenaway's films. Jan 12. General booking now open.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800, info 01-928 3002).

PLG 20th CENTURY MUSIC SERIES: Young musicians perform contemporary works, including pieces by Judith Weir, Thea Musgrave, Peter Maxwell Davies and John Taverner. Jan 11-15. General booking now open.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800, info 01-928 3002).

LAST CHANCE

WILHELM PITZ: Exhibition to mark 30th anniversary celebration of Philharmonia Chorus by its founder, now chorus master of Bayreuth Festival.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3002). Until Sun.

MAGDALENE ODUNDO: New works by maker of ceramic pots, using traditional coiling method, in simple and striking form. Works for sale.
Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Alexandra Road, Swansea (0792 55006/51738). Until Sat.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

DEVIL SCREAMER
(c) Dialect for the swift in Yorkshire, because a flock of them can darken and disturb the summer sky.

GROUP OF PHEASANTS
(c) A bouquet is the collective for a flight of pheasants exploding from the beaters.

MOTHER CAREY'S CHICKENS
(b) Some say that Ma Carey was a sea witch; others that she is a corruption of *Mater Cara*, the Virgin Mary.

A SPADGER
(a) Familiar variant for the house sparrow, *Passer domesticus*, from Anglo-Saxon *spearwa*, used in the famous simile by Bede.

GLED
(b) in North Scotland; (b) and (c) in North England: from the Old English for to glide.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 Ton't 7.45 **ROYAL PHILHARMONIC POPS ORCHESTRA** 'Pops in Space' Michael Reed (cond) Prog inc music from 2001, ET, Star Wars.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA.** Ton't 7.30 **Rigoletto.** Tomor 7.30 **The Barber of Seville.**

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 836 6903. S CC. 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 7.30 **THE ROYAL BALLET The Dream/Galanteries/The Concert.** Tomor 2.00 **Giselle.** Ballet casting info 01 240 9815. Tomor 8.00 **THE ROYAL OPERA Tosca.**

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200 Final 2 Perfs Ton't. Tomor 7.30 pm **LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE** Irma Vep/ and do they do / World Premiere of Maybe Tomorrow. Please see Theatre Section.

THEATRES

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913 /4 CC 741 9999/ 836 7358/ 379 4444 Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 24hr cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) NOW BOOKING TO APRIL 2
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HAMPSTEAD 722 9301 From 10 Dec **BETWEEN EAST AND WEST** by Richard Nelson.

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MICHAEL HORDERN IRENE WORTH
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LYTTELTON National Theatre 928 2252. Today 10.30 & 2.00 **THE PIED PIPER** musical show for children, by Adrian Mitchell. Ton't 7.45, tomor 2.15 & 7.45 **FATHERS & SONS** a new play by Brian Friel, after Turgenev's novel.

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ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745. "An amazing play" Gdn. **A LIE OF THE MIND** by **SAM SHEPARD.** Eves 7.30, Sat Mats 2.30.

ROYAL COURT UPSTAIRS 730 2554. Until 19 Dec Paines Plough - Belgrade Theatre, Coventry present **THE WAY TO GO HOME** by Rona Munro. Dir by Pip Broughton at 8.00 pm Sat Mats 4.00 pm.

ROYALTY 01 831 0660 CC 01 240 7200 (bkg fee) Until Jan 30 Today, tomor, Mon 2pm, 6.30pm Tues, Wed, Thurs 10.30am, 2pm **WINNIE THE POOH** by AA Milne. Not suitable for children under 4 years old

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
6.35 Leon Errol in Say Uncle (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.
8.40 Open Air. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television offerings. To participate telephone 061-814 0424. **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by Neighbours (r). **9.20** Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio debate on legalizing prostitution.
10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r). **10.25** Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme details and birthday greetings followed by Play School, presented by Jane Hardy and Nick Mercer, and Pinny's House (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. A reading by Sir Michael Hordern **11.00** News and weather followed by Open Air with Susan Rae and Bob Wellings.
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Magazine programme introduced by Pamela Armstrong, Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30** Neighbours. Des and Daphne reach an agreement.
1.50 Film: Without Reservations (1946, b/w) starring Claudette Colbert and John Wayne. Romantic comedy about a best-selling lady writer who, while on a trip to Hollywood to work on the screenplay of one of her novels, changes her mind when she meets a marine on the train west. Directed by Mervyn LeRoy. **3.35** Ask Margo. Advice from Margo MacDonald.
3.50 Corners. Children's queries answered **4.10** SuperTed (r). **4.15** What's All This Then? includes music from Errol Brown.
4.45 Newsround **5.05** Grange Hill. Episode 20 (r). (Ceefax)
5.35 Masterteam 87. Quiz game for teams.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. On tonight's guest list are pop star Rick Astley who sings his latest single; Claire Moore, star of *Phantom of the Opera*, and, via satellite from New York, Michael Crawford who is rehearsing the Broadway version of *Phantom*. There will also be a video of Crawford's Christmas single.
7.40 Blankety Blank. Les Dawson is joined by Joe Brown, Charlie Daze, Nerys Hughes, Victor Kiam, Ellie Laine and Angela Rippon. (Ceefax)
8.15 Twenty Years of the Two Ronnies. Clips from Messrs Barker and Corbett's long-running comic association (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather.
9.30 The Marksman. (Ceefax) (see Choice).
10.30 Film: Blame it On Rio (1983) starring Michael Caine, Joseph Bologna and Valerie Harper. Comedy about two friends who take their two teenage daughters on a holiday to Rio de Janeiro. When there one of the men is reluctantly seduced by the other's daughter and then has to help her father find the man who touched his daughter – and kill him. Directed by Stanley Donen.
12.10 Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am includes news on the hour and half hour.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Runway. Travel quiz presented by Chris Serle **10.00** Santa Barbara **10.25** News headlines **10.30** The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a topical discussion.
11.10 Rainbow. Puppet series. The guest is Alfred Marks (r). **11.25** Thames news headlines **11.30** At the Works. Local history series featuring Margaret Tyzack. Today's women compare their lives with those of the wives and daughters of ironworkers of 80 years ago **12.00** Jimmy's. A visit to St James's University Hospital, Leeds.
12.30 News with John Suchet **12.50** Thames news.
1.00 Film: The Last Snows of Spring (1973) starring Bekim Fehmiu, Agostina Belli and Renato Cestie. Sentimental tale of a lawyer who is left with a young son after his wife dies. After neglecting him through work and women for a while, the father makes friends with him again only to discover that the young lad is dying of leukaemia. Directed by Raimondo del Balzo.
3.00 Take the High Road. Dougal discovers something interesting in Donald's stamp collection **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama serial.
4.00 The Raggy Dolls **4.10** The Telebugs **4.20** Scooby Doo **4.45** Splash includes make yourself Christmas fashion accessories; a visit to a ceilidh in Glasgow; and a review of the film *Big Foot and the Hendersons*.
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong.
6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show presented by Michael Aspel.
7.00 The Price is Right. Game show presented by Leslie Crowther.
8.00 The Bretts. Thomas agrees to re-write a play, the result of which leads to a claim by Bobby Bishop of the Actors' Association that he has been defamed. Meanwhile, back in the Bretts Hampstead home their secretary disappears, thereby fuelling speculation that she is expecting a baby. That confirmed, Martha is shocked to discover that the father is one of her old flames. Starring Norman Rodway, Barbara Murray and David Yelland. (Oracle)
9.00 Dempsey and Makepeace. The two special agents have individual attempts on their lives by an unknown attacker. They decide on a brave plan to flush their enemy out into the open. Starring Michael Brandon and Glynis Barber (r).
10.00 News at Ten with Carol Barnes and Alastair Stewart. Followed by LWT News headlines.
10.30 The London Programme: Terror Tippers. An investigation into the dangers caused by cowboy rubble dumpers, including film of a night raid to try and trap a gang of tippers.
11.00 Darts and Snooker presented by Dickie Davies. Darts action from the Winmau World Masters. The commentator at the Rainbow Suite in Kensington is Dave Lanning; and the Foster's World Snooker Doubles from the Derngate arena, Northampton. Describing the play are John Pulman, Rex Williams, Mark Wildman, Ray Edmonds and Jim Meadowcroft.
12.30 Off the Track. American rag trade comedy starring Ed Asner.
1.00 Night Network. Cartoons, interviews, pop music and gossip.
4.00 Route 66 (b/w). Tod and Buz arrive in New Orleans in time for an outbreak of parrot fever. Starring Martin Milner and George Maharis (r).
4.55 World Series Baseball '87. Minnesota Twins v St Louis Cardinals. Ends at **6.00**.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax **9.30** Daytime on Two: the rise and fall of Scotland's car and truck industry **9.52** Part 10 of a ghost story **10.15** Music inspired by Scottish cities **10.38** The British car industry **11.00** A children's story from China **11.18** Wondermaths **11.35** Lighting the dark **12.00** Scenes from *Twelfth Night* and *Macbeth* **12.35** An aspiring model receives advice **1.05** Austrian radio **1.20** Two *See-Saw* programmes for the young **1.38** Third year choices **2.00** News and weather followed by a series for four- and five-year-olds.
2.15 Sport on Friday introduced by David Icke. Ski-ing: Franz Klammer previews the coming season. Plus, sporting highlights of 1987. Includes news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50**.
4.00 It's My Pleasure. Arthur Marshall chooses his favourite television moments.
4.35 The Friday Report: An Ill Wind (r). **5.05** My Music (r). **5.30** Food and Drink (r).
6.00 Film: Tarzan and the Jungle Boy (1967) starring Mike Henry. Tarzan helps a photographer look for a boy lost in the jungle for six years. Directed by Robert Gordon.
7.30 The Education Programme. A discussion on what sort of education is needed for the years ahead.
8.00 The Friday Report: Members Only. Glyn Worsnip visits Luton and Colchester football clubs to see how effective their banning of away fans has been.
8.30 Out of Court investigates compensation for accidents at school.
9.00 The Duty Men. The Customs and Excise night shift at Dover Harbour. (Ceefax)
9.50 Arena: Invisible Ink. Britain as observed by Indian writers during the past 200 years.
10.50 Newsnight **11.35** Weather.
11.40 Film: What's New Pussycat? (1965) starring Woody Allen, Peter Sellers and Peter O'Toole. Comedy about a man, irresistible to women, who consults his psychiatrist over his embarrassment of female riches. Directed by Clive Donner. Ends at **1.30**.

CHANNEL 4

12.00 Business Daily.
12.30 Start Here: Konrad the Robot (r). **1.00** Sesame Street (r).
2.00 Their Lordships' House (r).
2.15 Heritage: Civilization and the Jews. Part seven (r).
3.15 Movie Museum: Two Wagons, Both Covered (b/w). A silent film starring Will Rogers.
3.30 Time to Remember (b/w). The rulers of 1930s Europe (r).
4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson is joined by Victoria Glendinning, Billy Bragg and Richard Hoggart.
4.30 Countdown.
5.00 Mister Ed (b/w). Vintage American comedy series.
5.30 The Chart Show part one.
6.00 Revid. Reviews of the latest film releases on video.
6.15 Famous for 15 Minutes. The Thieves, a five-piece band from Cumbernauld.
6.30 The Chart Show part two.
7.00 Channel 4 News and weather.
7.50 Book Choice. Humphrey Carpenter discusses *A Woman of Passion; The Life of E Nesbitt*, by Julia Briggs. (Oracle)
8.00 What the Papers Say with David Taylor of *Punch*.
8.15 Dispatches: Gunning for the Government. A British arms dealer spills the beans.
9.00 The Cosby Show. American comedy series. (Oracle)
9.30 A Houseful of Plants. Indoor horticulture series. (Oracle)
10.00 The Golden Girls. Comedy series. (Oracle)
10.30 The Last Resort with Jonathan Ross. Among the guests are Barbara Windsor, Chris and Simon Donald, founders of *Viz* magazine; and M. Mangetout, the Frenchman who can eat almost anything.
11.20 Assert Yourself. The second in the series on assertiveness training. (Oracle)
12.05 The Best of Paul Hogan (r).
12.35 Film: Benvenuta (1983) starring Fanny Ardant and Vittorio Gassman. Francois plans a screenplay based on a book recently re-published 20 year after it first scandalously appeared. Francois visits the recluse author, thinking the tale is autobiographical, but the woman refuses to co-operate. Directed by Andre Delvaux. Ends at **2.35**

Anita Roddick in Assert Yourself: C4, 11.20pm

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Sportfolio 12.10am-12.15 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 10.30-11.20 Scottish Question Time 11.20-12.55am Film: Blame it on Rio 12.55-1.00 Weather NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Masterteam 87 12.10am-12.15 News and weather ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES: 6.30am-6.55 Masterteam 87 8.00pm-8.30 Public Account NORTHERN IRELAND: 10.15am-10.38 Ulster in Focus 8.00pm-8.30 A Question of Sport ENGLAND: 8.00pm-8.30 East: Insight. Midlands: Jailers. North: Paper Kisses. North-east The Allotment Show. North-west: Friday Night at the Padiham. South: South on Two: All the Warrior's Men. South-west: Western Approach: Where Service is an Honour. West: West on Two: Over the Edge.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.50 News 1.00-3.00 Film: Scared Stiff* 6.00-7.00 About Anglia 10.30-11.00 Cross Question 12.30am-1.00 Twilight Zone.

BORDER As London except: 12.50pm News 1.00 Gardening Time 1.30 Film: Before Winter Comes 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.30-11.00 Worlds Beyond 12.30am Closedown.

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CENTRAL As London except: 12.50pm News 1.00 Film: Night of Christmas 1.50-3.00 Magic, Magic 6.00-7.00 News 10.35 Central Weekend 12.00 Snooker and Darts 1.30am The Roxy 2.00 America's Top Ten 2.30 Adventure Bound 3.30 News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.50pm News 1.00 Reilly Ace of Spies 2.00 Blacke's Magic 3.00 Cross Wits 3.30-4.00 Take the High Road 6.00 Channel Report 6.30-7.00 Country Ways 10.30-11.00 Facing South 12.30am-1.00 Highway Patrol 4.00 Company, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 12.50pm Granada Reports 1.00 Film: Stranger Came Home 2.30-3.00 Week in View 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Knight Rider 10.30-11.00 This England 12.30am Film: Murders in the Rue Morgue 2.00 I Spy 2.55 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.50pm HTV News 1.00 Film: The Paratrooper 2.30-3.00 Who's The Boss? 6.00-7.00 News 10.30 Your Say 10.45 1987 South West Export Awards 11.30 Snooker and Darts 12.30am Weather, close

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00-7.00pm Wales at Six 10.30-11.30 Welsh Proms Family Night.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.50pm News 1.00 Film: Artists and Models 3.00 Sons and Daughters 3.30 Cartoon 3.45-4.00 Sludan 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Musical Journey 10.30 Aly Bain & Friends 11.15 New Squadronaires 11.30 Snooker and Darts 12.30am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.50pm News 1.00-3.00 Film: Scavenger Hunt 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00-7.00 Friday Show 10.32-11.00 Sledgehammer 12.30am Hunter 1.25 Close

TVS As London except: 12.50pm News 1.00 Reilly Ace of Spies 2.00 Blacke's Magic 3.00 Crosswits 3.30-4.00 Take the High Road 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Country Ways 10.30 Facing South 11.30 Snooker and Darts 12.30am-1.00 Highway Patrol 4.00 Company, Close

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.50pm News 12.55 Lookaround 1.00-3.00 Film: The Biggest Bank Robbery 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Extra Time 10.32 Nightline 11.30 Snooker and Darts 12.30am Billboard 12.45 Three's Company, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 12.50pm Newstime 1.00 Film: At the Earth's Core 2.30-3.00 The Crazy World of Sport 6.00 Six Tonight 6.15-7.00 Six Tonight Extra 10.30 Witness 10.35-11.00 Belfast Newsletter 12.25am Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.50pm News 12.55 Help Yourself 1.00-3.00 Film: Caprice 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 ALF 10.30-11.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents. . .Night Caller 12.30am Film: The Dogs of War 2.20 Jobfinder 3.20 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 10.00am Film: My Little Chickadee* 11.30 Start Here 12.00 Business Daily 12.30pm Countdown 1.00 Sesame Street 2.00 Film: Too Hot to Handle* 4.00 Briwsion 4.15 Smyrffs 4.45 Cartoon 5.00 Chips' Comic 5.30 Chart Show 6.00 Revid 6.15 Famous for 15 Minutes 6.30 Chart Show 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Rargian Fawr 8.00 Trebor 8.30 Carreg Ateb 8.55 Y Byd ar Bedwar 9.40 Badminton 10.30 Last Resort 11.20 Assert Yourself 12.05am Best of Paul Hogan 12.35 Film: Benvenuta 2.35 Closedown.

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9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Michael Parkinson's castaway is writer Vernon Scannell (r)
9.45 A Sideways Look At... with Anthony Smith
10.00 News; International Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: The Outcasts of Poker Flat. The classic story by Bret Harte, read by Jon Glover
10.45 Daily Service: New Every Morning, page 17 (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Analysis (repeat)
11.47 Treasure Islands: Booker-prize winning writer Penelope Lively enters the world of children's books. With Frances Donnelly, Catherine Storr, Terry Jones, and Jamila Gavin
12.00 News; You and Yours: with John Howard
12.25 The Food Programme: Derek Cooper with his weekly defence of pure food at a fair price **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World At One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour; includes a report on Bristol's plans for a rapid transit track-car system. Also another episode of Harritte Wilson's Memoirs, read by Patricia Hodge
3.00 News; A Graham Greene Anthology: Our Man in Havana; dramatized by Gregory Evans (final part). With Jack Watling and Eleanor Bron (r)
4.00 News
4.05 On The Day I Was Born: Larry Harris talks to well-known people about what was going on at the time of their birth (2) Glynis Barber, one of the stars of the TV series Dempsey and Makepeace, born 25 October 1955
4.30 Kaleidoscope: includes comment on Lyle the Crocodile, at the Lyric, Hammersmith; and the new film Housekeeping. Also the new book Selected Letters of Richard Wagner. With Paul Allen (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 Going Places: Clive Jacobs and his team monitor the worlds of travel and transport
7.00 News bulletin
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard presents her highlights from the past week's television and radio programmes
8.20 Any Questions? Joining Jonathan Dimbleby are Shirley Williams, Frances Morrell, Enoch Powell and Lord St John of Fawsley. Broadcast from Wallingford, Oxfordshire
9.05 Stop Press (new series) Edward Pearce reviews this week's newspapers, and talks to people in the know
9.30 Letter From America by Alistair Cooke
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Showcase. David Roper reports from a showcase, the opportunity for clubland artists and entertainers to go for the big time when they perform before agents and bookers with slots to fill in clubs, cabaret and summer shows
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: You Should Have Seen The Mess. Last of five stories by Muriel Spark. The reader is Naomi Capon **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: presented by Richard Kershaw
11.00 Today in Parliament
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Week Ending: A satirical view of the week's news with Bill Wallis, David Tate, Sally Grace and Jon Glover (s) **12.00** News;

VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Earth Search **11.20** Playtime **11.35** Music Workshop **1.55pm-3.00** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Let's Join In **2.25** The Song Tree **2.40** Country Dancing Stage 3 **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time Science Problem Solving. Adventures in Electronics.

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A marksman on target

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Watching series like The Marksman (BBC1, 9.30pm), I often sigh for the good old days of the Hollywood B movie when small budgets and tight shooting schedules forced film makers to cut the frills, dive straight into the story and wrap it up in a crisp 80 minutes. They may have been hacks but the discipline was good for them and they turned out some marvellous movies. The three episodes of *The Marksman* will run a total of three hours, which seems far too much for a simple revenge thriller. At least this is the impression given by the first episode, which could easily have made its points in half the time. Having said that, *The Marksman* is an excellent production, with atmospheric camerawork, snappy editing, a pithy script by Ron Hutchinson and a strong cast in top form. David Threlfall, who this time last year was playing the odious Thatcherite Leslie Titmuss in *Paradise Postponed*, is Weaver, a Liverpool Irish crook called back from high living in Spain to avenge the murder of his 10-year-old son. His main contacts are the boy's drunken grandfather (James Ellis), the owner of a seedy bookshop, and a fellow villain (Paul Angelis). As grandpa breaks into the boy's school in the search for clues, Weaver, short of the readies, joins a raid on a Liverpool club. *The Marksman* gained the wrong sort of publicity when it was postponed in the wake of the Hungerford shootings. It is now being transmitted without cuts, but the first episode should hardly cause viewers to jam the BBC switchboard. The worst violence it can offer is only poor Richard Griffiths having his fingers slammed in a car door.

Peter Waymark

David Threlfall and James Ellis in episode one of the thriller serial The Marksman, on BBC1, at 9.30pm

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
5.30am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out (Mike Read and guests) **7.00** Jeff Young's Dance Music Show **10.00-12.00** Friday Rock Show. VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports Round-Up **8.50am**
4.00am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Thanks For The Memory **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night **8.45** Margaret Fingerhut at the piano **9.00** Organist Entertains **10.00** Moira Anderson's Serenade **10.30** Living With Betty (starring Barbara Windsor and Peter Sallis) **11.00** Peter Dickinson **1.00am** Bill Rennells **3.00-4.00** A Little Light Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All programme times given in GMT
6.00 am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Write On **7.45** Merchant Navy Programme **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Organists of Paris **8.30** Music Now **9.00** News **9.09** Commentary **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** The Man of Property **10.00** News **10.01** A Drop of the Irish **10.15** Merchant Navy Programme **10.30** Jazz For The Asking **11.00** News **11.15** Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Business Matters **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours Hours **1.30** John Peel **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Nature Notebook **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Love A La Russe **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Science in Action **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Letter from Northern Ireland **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuel **8.00** News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Business Matters **9.45** The Man Who Knew How **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Letter from Northern Ireland **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From the Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Personal View **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** A Drop of the Irish **1.45** Nature Notebook **2.00** News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Network UK **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Business Matters **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today

Radio 3

6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Elgar (Chanson de matin: LPO under Sir Adrian Boult), Bach (English Suite No 2, BWV 807: Martha Argerich, piano), Haydn (Symphony No 104: Philharmonia Orchestra under Antal Dorati)
8.00 News bulletin
8.05 Morning Concert (continued): Purcell (Fantasias Nos 6 and 7: London Baroque), Handel (Water Music suite No 1: Concentus Musicus of Vienna, under Nikolaus Harnoncourt), Elgar (Introduction and Allegro for Strings: English Chamber Orchestra under Benjamin Britten)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Mendelssohn. Songs without Words, Op 19 Nos 1 and 2: Daniel Barenboim, piano), Neue Liebe, Op 9 No 4: Peter Schreier, tenor, and Walter Olbertz, piano), Song without Words, Op 67 No 5 (Barenboim, piano), Incidental music to A Midsummer Night's Dream (Philharmonia under Marriner, with Arleen Auger, soprano, and Ann Murray, mezzo
10.00 Weber and Glazunov: Eric Parkin (piano) plays Weber's Sonata No 2 in A flat, and Glazunov's Theme and Variations, Op 72
10.45 Langham Chamber Orchestra, under Frank Shipway. Leopold Mozart's Symphony in G, Britten's Simple Symphony, and Arnold's Symphony for strings
11.35 Clarinet and piano: Colin Bradbury and Oliver Davies perform Vanhal's Sonata in E flat, Fibich's Selenka, Op 16; and Martinu's Sonatina
12.10 Hallé Orchestra, under Oliver Knussen, with Rosemary Hardy (soprano). Part one. Britten (Four Sea Interludes and Passacaglia, Peter Grimes), Knussen (Songs and Sea Interlude, Where the Wild Things Are)
1.00 News bulletin
1.05 Concert (part two): Elgar (the symphonic study Falstaff)
1.45 Harpsichord recital: David Roblou plays works including Handel's Suite No 1 in A, Scarlatti sonatas in C minor, Kk 302, Kk 303; and in C, Kk 460 and 461): Maconchy's Notebook, and Falla's Homenaje pour le tombeau de Debussy
2.40 University of Wales Recital: Chilingirian String Quartet play Mozart's Quartet in C, K 465; Shostakovich's Quartet No 7; and Dvorak's Quartet in F, Op 96. At **3.30**, interval reading
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Worcester Cathedral. The organ voluntary is Marcel Dupré's Ecce dominus veniet. The organist: Adrian Partington
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music selection, presented by Rodney Slatford
6.55 News bulletin
7.00 Debussy: Bernard Roberts (piano) plays Etudes, Book 1
7.30 Un zoom de trop: Radio France production of the play about a photographer and his model, by Beatrice Audry. In French, and winner of a 1986 Prix Italia. The cast: Christine Boysson, Jean Gabriel Nordmann.
8.15 Panocha String Quartet: Beethoven's Quartet in C minor, Op 18 No 4; Martinu's Quartet No 4; and Dvorak's Quartet in E flat, Op 51. **9.00** talk about Martinu string quartets
9.55 BBC SO in Huddersfield: conducted by Richard Buckley, with Michael Collins (clarinet). Stephen Albert (Rain Music, River Run), Corigliano (Clarinet Concerto), and John Adams (Harmonielehre)
11.35 Giovanni Domenico Puliaschi: David Thomas (bass) and Anthony Rooley (lute) perform works by the 17th century Roman priest. They include Locar sopra gl'abissi, and Occhi de l'alma mia
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

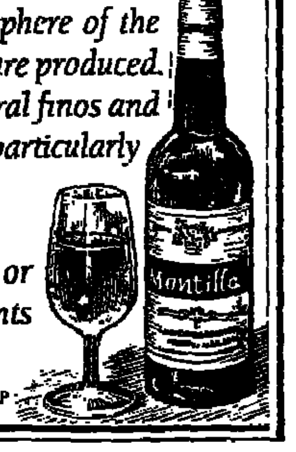
Daniel Barenboim performs Mendelssohn: R3, 9.10am

RADIO CHOICE

● If your French has not progressed much beyond *La plume de ma tante*, your comprehension (and, consequently, your enjoyment) of Un zoom de trop (Radio 3, 7.30pm) will be minimal. It is all in French. Beatrice Audry's two-hander for photographer and model won the 1986 Prix Italia for Radio France. If it had not done so, presumably, we should not be hearing it tonight. The thought occurs, however, that with the Channel Tunnel now no longer a pipe dream, this decision by the Radio 3 planners to give Britons a chance to brush up their French may have been prompted by a desire to build a tunnel of their own in an early bid to strengthen Anglo-French links based on ideals that are artistic rather than commercial. If that is indeed the case, then *Un zoom de trop* will not go down in the history books as *Un drame de trop*.

● Xenophobes are well catered for today with the final episode of Our Man in Havana (Radio 4, 3.00pm). Into better hands than those of adapter Gregory Evans, Graham Greene's novel could not have fallen. And Jack Watling is Wormold to the life.

Peter Davalle



MONTILLA

FEW PLACES in Spain are as hot as Montilla. Yet in the cool cathedral-like atmosphere of the bodegas, a variety of delicate wines are produced.

The pale straw-coloured, natural finos and light-golden medium wines are both particularly enjoyable when served chilled.

Then there are the sweeter, creamier styles. These can be pale or dark and are excellent accompaniments to desserts.

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MoD paid arms dealer £450,000 'to forget deal'

By Michael Evans Defence Correspondent

A British arms dealer who claims to have had regular dealings with the Ministry of Defence and the Security Services was paid £450,000 by the ministry in an out-of-court settlement after it cancelled a contract to sell him 12,000 Browning pistols for only £84,000.

The payment to QED Design and Development, a company formerly run by Mr Frank Turner, was included in the MoD's appropriation accounts for 1982-83 with the explanation: "Settlement of a sales contract, cancelled due to a change of policy".

The payment, which was confirmed by the ministry last night, is described in a television programme on Channel 4 tonight.

Mr Turner and a partner ran QED Design and Development from an industrial estate in Kent where the company rapidly became "one of Britain's biggest private arms dealers". Mr Turner claims to have had a very special relationship with the Ministry of Defence.

He says that in 1981 he discovered that 12,000 Browning pistols at the MoD's depot at Donnington in Shropshire were for sale and, to his surprise, he was told he could buy them for £7 each. He judged that their commercial value was £200 each so he was buying pistols worth £2.4 million for a mere £84,000. A contract was signed.

However, Mr Turner says that a story about the deal was leaked to the newspapers saying that the weapons could be going to the IRA. He says that that was totally untrue. It was a deliberate attempt by one of his competitors to stop the deal.

In the programme, *Gunning for the Government*, made by co-producers Martin Short and Claudia Milne of 20-20 Television, Mr Turner says the ministry claimed the guns were needed for "a national emergency". He sued for breach of contract.

"Eventually the ministry realized it had no defence and offered to settle out of court", Mr Turner says. "They said they would pay us approximately £500,000 to forget the whole matter."

A cheque for £450,000 was sent to the solicitors acting for QED Design and Development.

Last night, the ministry said that a payment of £450,000 was made in an out-of-court settlement after "a change in government policy". It was mentioned in the appropriation accounts for 1982-83, which were monitored and approved by Sir Gordon Downey, the auditor general.

A spokesman said that prior to 1982, surplus non-automatic small arms could be sold to private dealers, provided they were converted for sporting purposes and sold only to foreign countries on an approved list. The figure of £7 quoted to Mr Turner for each of the Browning pistols compared favourably with previous sales of surplus small arms.

But in July 1982, the Government announced that this policy was to stop because of the increase in terrorism and fears that guns could fall into the wrong hands. The ministry said last night that surplus small arms were now scrapped unless other government departments had use for them.

In further revelations, Mr Turner, one of the few arms dealers ever to answer questions in public, says that his company used to supply sniper rifles with day sights and sophisticated night sights and sub-machine guns with specialized fittings, some of which, he claims, were destined for the Security Services.

Contacts with British intelligence were made through an unlisted telephone number One contact was a colonel, an ex-SAS officer.

Mr Turner says that the ministry uses private arms companies "to act as front companies so that in the event of anything going wrong, they can deny any involvement in the deal".

Spycatcher hits Chinese market

Readers in China can freely buy Spycatcher, the book banned in Britain. A trader in Peking market arranges a pile of the Chinese edition on his stall ready for sale.

No open season in Britain, court told

Just because an allegation of wrong-doing in the security sevice was well known it did not mean there should be "open season" for agents to rush into print, the Government's QC told the *Spycatcher* hearing in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Robert Alexander, QC, for the Attorney-General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, was making his final speech to Mr Justice Scott on the ninth day of the hearing into the Goverment's attempt to secure a permanent ban on press reporting of the memoirs of the retired MI5 officer, Mr Peter Wright.

The case is contested by *The Sunday Times, The Guardian* and the *Observer*.

Mr Alexander said the fact that an allegation was wellknown to the public — through the books of Chapman Pincher, or a television programme or a statement by the Prime Minister in Parliament — did not mean agents were free to give their own views on that allegation. They were not released from their obligation to keep quiet.

The hearing continues

Orphaned embryos to be used

From Keith Dalton Sydney

More than four years after their death, an American couple's frozen embryos will be thawed and, if still alive, will be given to another childless couple in a unique operation by an Australian medical team.

Special legislation will settle the legal and ethical dilemma of what to do about the embryos, Victoria's Minister for Health, Mr David White, said yesterday. He was named legal guardian of the embryos, deposited in 1981 at Melbourne's Queen Victoria Medical Centre by Mr Mario Rios and his wife, Elsa.

The childless millionaire couple from California, who joined the centre's *in vitro* fertilization programme — regarded as one of the most advanced in the world — died in an air crash in Chile in 1983. They left behind two embryos.

Since then a controversy has raged over what to do with the embryos. Should they be discarded or a new recipient found? Would the child or children inherit the Rios fortune? After lengthy legal debate Victoria's Government has decided that no inheritance will be allowed.

"We are looking for a potential recipient from the existing (in vitro) programme," Mr White told a press conference. But the odds are slim that the embryos will survive, he added. He ruled out any experimentation on them if no recipient is found.

Commons sketch

No rest for Hon merry gentlemen

"Christmas", announced Mr Simon Burns (Cons, Chelmsford), "is a time of good will". He is new to the House, a mere youngster, the successor to Mr Norman St John-Stevas, under whom any Christmas tree would be happy to sit.

It was awful to be marooned in the Gallery for the rest of the afternoon watching as this wide-eyed child was stripped of his seasonal illusions by hard-hearted bearers of bad tidings.

Simon was worried that Mr Postman would be stabling his reindeers for the Christmas season. "Totally heartless, totally heartless", agreed Mrs Thatcher, and Conservatives harkened as their herald angel sang.

"Stupid and cruel", chipped in Mr Kinnock, but he was now referring to the herald angel herself. It would be stupid and cruel, he said, if any rise in nurses' pay were to be financed out of hospital closures.

The herald angel has been opening her advent calendar of statistics ever since June. This means that new windows with new scenes must be painted every day to satisfy her appetite.

Alas, Mrs Thatcher's favourite Advent scene contains no brightly-wrapped package, no joyous Christmas puds, no tables laden with crackers, but grisly depictions of life under the last Labour Government. Today's awful statistical illustration featured Mr Kinnock's own constituency of Islwyn.

"In the Rt Hon Gentleman's own constituency, there was a rise in National Health spending of six per cent under the last Labour government, and there has been a rise of twenty per cent under the present government", she declared.

Mr Kinnock was ready with a snowball, but it seemed to fall apart even as he threw it. "Nurses are not interested in the past", he blurted omnisciently. Again, he asked whether their pay rises were to be funded out of closures.

"The Rt Hon Gentleman doesn't listen", said the Prime Minister, perhaps not realising that what is not said, cannot be heard. "The last thing nurses want to do is go back to life under a Labour government".

"Rattled! Rattled! Rattled!" jingled Labour backbenchers, out to slay the belle. Up rose Mr Dalyell, Tam, Tam, the Bogeyman wished to know whether Mr Charles Powell really failed to inform the PM of the role of the then Trade Secretary?

This is a new carol designed to be sung on all formal occasions throughout the year, as catchy and as impenetrable as that old favourite "Kum-Bay-A". The verse goes something like this:

Oh Little Ma'am of Westland.
They're sure they saw thee lie.
Above thy deep
and dreamless sleep.
The noisy stars outcry.

Mr Andrew Faulds (Lab, Warley East) led the hearty chorus of noisy stars: "The truth! The truth!"

On the other side sat the then Mr Leon Brittan, an endearing reindeer who, so the story goes, dutifully went the wrong way after his driver pulled the wrong rein, and was consequently grounded. "Nothing to add! Nothing to add!" trilled the Prime Minister when it came to her part in this stirring chapel-shaker.

Goading the Bogeyman, a Conservative backbencher reminded him that, of all the Labour MPs in Scotland, he had had the worst results. "That's got nothing to do with it!" bellowed the Speaker, the battling Toastmaster at the drunken feast.

Mr Graham Allen (Lab, Nottingham North) pitched in with a pebble he had not even had the grace to paint white. The Prime Minister, he complained, was against the televising of Parliament because she feared that the public would see the Prime Minister and Prime Ministers Question Time for the sham they were.

Goodwill had long ago slipped out of the Chamber. Keen to make sure it would never return, Mr Dennis Skinner pointed to Mr Edward Heath, slumped in his seat, and made a hullaballoo. Opening his eyes, the Ghost of Christmas Past managed the weariest of smiles.

Craig Brown

BCal merger plan is in the balance

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way through governmental obstacles.

Yesterday morning they were told by Lord Young of Graffham that he would not refer the matter to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

But within hours, Mr Helge Lindberg, deputy president of SAS, was expressing his "dismay" as Mr Channon announced he would refuse their application as "neither right nor conducive to fair competition between airlines in Britain that ... a major British airline should pass under control of an airline in which three other Governments have a predominant interest."

Immediately SAS and BCAL re-drafted the proposal with reduced voting rights and an offer of £50 million to restructure the airline.

Mr Channon had provided the loophole for consideration of a new agreement by throwing the decision back to the Civil Aviation Authority.

In the Commons, Mr Channon received widespread support for what Tory MPs, led by Mr Norman Tebbit, saw as his patriotic refusal to allow British Caledonian to fall into the hands of a foreign airline.

Meanwhile, Lord King of Wartnaby and the British Airways Board are waiting for British Caledonian to drop into their laps. Their offer, worth around £150 million in a "share swop" arrangement, technically expires on December 16, and they are relying on their powerful political lobbying machine to sway sufficient MPs to persuade Mr Channon to intervene whatever the CAA may decide.

Politically the proposed SAS merger is deeply unpopular, especially with back bench MPs and some Ministers who fear another Westland affair.

Preface is denounced

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has known of the impending storm for two weeks, he could not have prevented the personal attack without embroiling the Queen and the Prime Minister in church politics.

Constitutionally only the Queen, on the advice of the Prime Minister, has the power to over-rule a decision made by the Church Commissioners; or, in the last resort, to remove from office the First Church Estates Commissioner, Sir Douglas Lovelock, who sanctioned the preface's publication.

Dr Runcie has been deeply hurt by the criticism of his leadership, but has preferred to ride out the inevitable storm with a dignified silence

If he had demanded withdrawal of the article and been rebuffed, he would have been placed in the embarrassing position as Primate of All England of being snubbed by the Church Commissioners.

Meanwhile it was being widely predicted in the church that the custom of allowing an anonymous writer freedom to tread on so many important toes, in one of the church's own official publications and with maximum publicity, will be one of the first casualties of the dispute.

Extradition approval

By John Cooney

The Irish Parliament approved new extradition procedures last night which Mr Charles Haughey, the Prime Minister, had insisted were essential for the survival of his minority government.

A Bill outlining amendments to Ireland's 1965 Extradition Act was accepted by 78 votes to 26. The prospect of a Christmas Eve election ended when Mr Haughey made a private deal with Fine Gael, the main opposition party.

Mr Haughey accepted a Fine Gael amendment which will enable Parliament to review in a year's time the operation of safeguards giving the Irish attorney-general the right toapprove or reject warrants for extradition.

Mrs Thatcher has voiced strong objections to the safeguards. She said in the Commons yesterday that they would make Britain the "least favoured nation" in regard to the republic's extradition arrangements and would make the extradition of suspects more difficult.

It is believed that her criticism united opposition parties behind Mr Haughey and assured passage of the safeguards.

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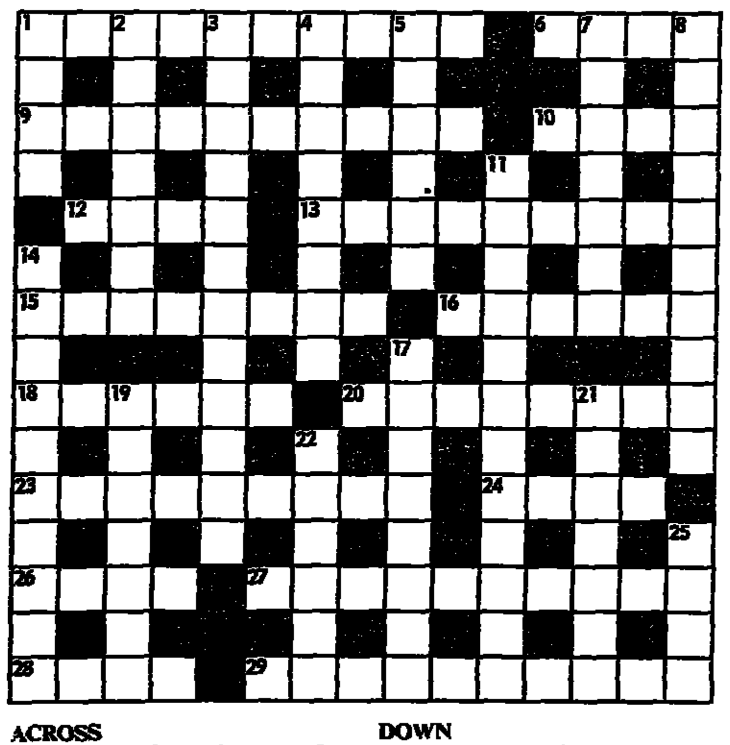


ACROSS

1 A soldier found it soon after midnight in Milan (10).
6 Look closely on hearing a mole here (4).
9 Music-maker's collapse (10).
10 One second inside current record (4).
12 From Nashville, a fine tabacco (4).
13 Chewing the rag in tent? (9).
15 Masterful type embraces new church — a trusty supporter (8).
16 Old stableman lacking aspiration? (6).
18 Square on the table for game with family (6).
20 In the sovereign's residence, an oriental dance (8).
23 Incomparable, but lacking fixtures (9).
24 Moves a boat along the river banks? (4).
26 Born in Toulon, died in penury (4).
27 Extremely bright, are these wild creatures (10).
28 Sound connections for one with exceptional vision (4).
29 Would-be salesman's inert consultant? On the contrary (10).

DOWN

1 Club member's first to introduce one (4).
2 Some illumination provided, in case (7).
3 What you will play? (7,5).
4 Probes upset girl in neat turnout (8).
5 Descendant of an executed tycoon (6).
7 Make a limited subscription by letter (7).
8 In stony soil, pitch represents danger (4-6).
11 Brew this ale, perhaps — about right for the table (5,7).
14 Remarkable sign in female being embraced by friend (10).
17 Eg, do without one established sort of rose (8).
19 Show friendliness to a bird, for example (7).
21 Unfamiliarity in all directions (7).
22 Artist turned up for recompense (6).
25 Where malefactors move around? (4).

Concise crossword, page 10

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

BIRD WORDS

By Philip Howard

DEVIL SCREAMER
a. The tawny owl
b. The jay
c. The swift

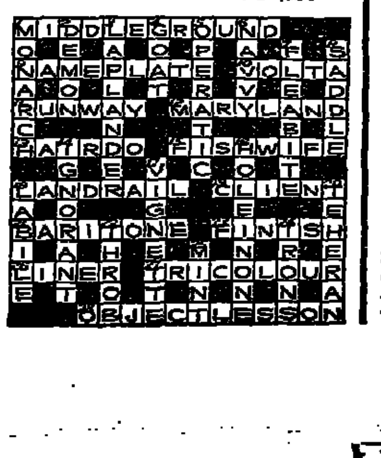
GROUP OF PHEASANTS
a. A fusillade
b. A dapple
c. A bouquet

MOTHER CAREY'S CHICKENS
a. Albatross
b. Storm petrels
c. Gannets

A SPADGER
a. A sparrow
b. A sparrowhawk
c. A black-tailed godwit

GLED
a. A guillemot
b. A buzzard
c. A red kite

Solution to Puzzle No 17,530



WEATHER

General situation: England, Wales and Northern Ireland will be mainly cloudy with some outbreaks of rain. These will be heaviest and most frequent in western areas and as they move north some sleet or snow is likely. Snow falls will be heavy on high ground. Scotland will be mainly dry and cold with some sunny intervals in northern parts and possible rain or sleet in the south-west. Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Mostly cloudy with some rain or drizzle in many places. Colder and clearer weather in Scotland.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	16	61	Majorca	f	17	63
Akrotiri	s	21	70	Malaga	c	15	59
Alex'dria	c	21	70	Malta	s	19	66
Algiers	c	19	66	Melb'rne	f	15	59
Amst'dm	s	3	37	Mexico C*	s	21	70
Athens	f	15	59	Miami*	c	19	66
Bahrain	s	22	72	Milan	c	6	43
Barbads*	s	29	84	Montreal*	f	-1	30
Barcelna	d	14	57	Moscow	c	-7	19
Belgrade	c	3	37	Munich	c	1	34
Berlin	c	1	34	Nairobi	f	23	73
Bermuda*	f	21	70	Naples	s	15	59
Biarritz	f	8	46	N Delhi	s	22	72
Bord'x	f	13	55	N York*	c	5	41
Brussels	s	2	36	Nice	f	14	57
Budapst	c	5	41	Oslo	c	-7	19
B Aires*	s	26	79	Paris	s	4	39
Cairo	f	22	72	Peking	s	3	37
Cape Tn	s	25	77	Perth	s	30	86
C'blanca	r	15	59	Prague	c	-1	30
Ch'church	f	24	75	Reykjvik	f	3	37
Cologne	s	5	41	Rhodes	f	16	61
C'phagn	c	1	34	Rio de J	s	34	93
Corfu	s	17	63	Riyadh	s	22	72
Dublin	c	5	41	Rome	s	13	55
Dubrovnik	s	13	55	Salzburg	s	4	39
Faro	r	16	61	S F'risco*	c	16	61
Florence	s	12	54	Santiago*	s	28	82
Frankfurt	f	3	37	S Paulo*	c	31	88
Funchal	f	19	66	Seoul	s	-1	30
Geneva	f	4	39	Sing'por	f	28	82
Gibraltar	f	18	64	St'kholm	s	1	34
Helsinki	c	1	34	Strasb'rg	c	3	37
Hong K	s	17	63	Sydney	f	22	72

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.4	-	7	45	bright
Cromer	0.2	-	6	43	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.1	.01	6	43	cloudy
Clacton	0.2	-	5	41	cloudy
Folkestone	1.0	-	5	41	cloudy
Eastbourne	1.2	-	5	41	dull
Brighton	0.1	-	3	37	cloudy
Bognor R	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Southsea	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Shanklin	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Bournemth	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Swanage	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Torquay	-	-	6	43	dull
Falmouth	-	-	6	43	dull
Scilly Isles	-	-	7	45	gales
Guernsey	-	.01	6	43	cloudy
Newquay	0.3	-	5	41	cloudy
Ilfracombe	-	-	7	45	dull
Minehead	-	-	5	41	cloudy
B'pool Airpt	5.9	-	7	45	sunny
Morecambe	4.7	.01	7	45	sunny
Douglas	-	-	7	45	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	3.6	.01	5	41	sunny
Bristol (Ctrl)	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Carlisle	0.5	-	6	43	cloudy
London	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Manchester	2.7	-	7	45	bright
N'ctl-n-Tyne	1.4	.05	7	45	bright
Nottingham	0.7	.01	5	41	shower
Anglesey	5.6	-	7	45	sunny
Tenby	1.4	-	6	43	cloudy
Aviemore	4.4	-	-1	30	sunny
Eskdalemuir	4.4	-	5	41	sunny
Glasgow	6.0	-	7	45	sunny

These are Wednesday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.45	6.9	1.02	6.8
Aberdeen	12.03	4.1	12.32	4.1
Avonmouth	6.11	12.6	6.34	12.6
Belfast	10.04	3.4	10.29	3.4
Cardiff	5.56	11.6	6.19	11.7
Devonport	4.44	5.4	5.02	5.3
Dover	9.59	6.4	10.28	6.4
Falmouth	4.14	5.2	4.32	5.1
Glasgow	11.42	4.6	—	—
Harwich	10.49	3.8	11.19	3.8
Holyhead	9.21	5.3	9.36	5.4
Hull	5.05	7.1	5.40	7.0
Ilfracombe	4.51	8.5	5.13	8.7
Leith	1.18	5.4	1.49	5.4
Liverpool	10.16	8.9	10.34	9.0
Lowestoft	8.13	2.5	8.54	2.4
Margate	10.55	4.6	11.32	4.6
Milford Haven	5.12	6.6	5.34	6.6
Newquay	4.04	6.6	4.25	6.7
Oban	4.45	3.7	5.07	3.8
Penzance	3.44	5.5	4.01	5.4
Portland	5.52	2.1	6.25	2.0
Portsmouth	10.23	4.6	10.48	4.5
Shoreham	10.06	6.0	10.32	5.9
Southampton	9.56	4.5	10.19	4.4
Swansea	5.19	9.1	5.42	9.2
Tees	2.30	5.3	2.58	5.3
W'ton-on-Nze	10.42	4.0	11.15	4.0

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

THE POUND

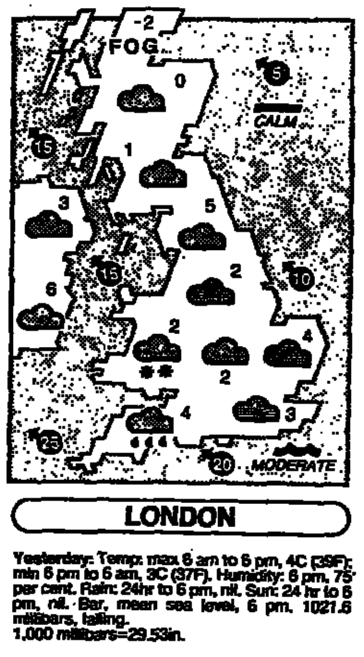
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.655	2.515
Austria Sch	21.85	20.75
Belgium Fr	65.20	62.00
Canada $	2.45	2.33
Denmark Kr	12.02	11.42
Finland Mkk	7.68	7.28
France Fr	10.52	10.02
Germany Dm	3.11	2.95
Greece Dr	270	250
Hong Kong $	14.45	13.75
Ireland Pt	1.174	1.114
Italy Lira	2285	2175
Japan Yen	249.50	237.50
Netherlands Gld	3.49	3.32
Norway Kr	12.09	11.44
Portugal Esc	254.50	239.50
South Africa Rd	4.65	3.95
Spain Pta	209.50	198.50
Sweden Kr	11.28	10.71
Switzerland Fr	2.535	2.415
USA $	1.88	1.79
Yugoslavia Dnr	3100	2400

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 102.9 (October)

London: The *FT* index closed down 3.3 at 1253.6.

AM



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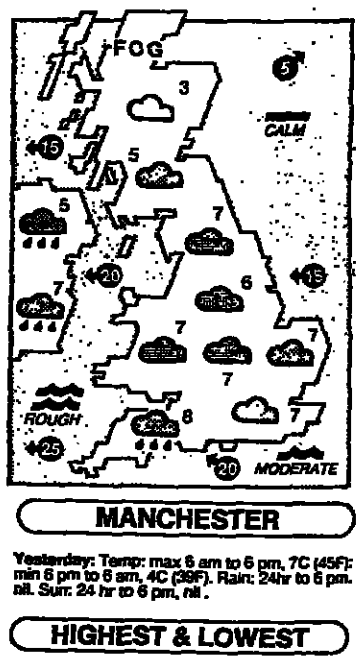

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 4C (39F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 75 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1021.6 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: ; lowest day max: ; highest rainfall: in; highest sunshine: hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.24 pm to 7.19 am
Bristol 4.34 pm to 7.28 am
Edinburgh 4.12 pm to 7.55 am
Manchester 4.22 pm to 7.37 am
Penzance 4.52 pm to 7.34 am

Sun rises: 7.47 am	Sun sets: 3.54 pm
Moon sets 7.12 am	Moon rises 2.47 pm

Full moon tomorrow

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	6	43	Guernsey	c	5	41
B'rmghem	c	3	37	Inverness	fg	-3	27
Blackpool	c	5	41	Jersey	c	4	39
Bristol	c	4	39	London	c	4	39
Cardiff	c	4	39	M'chster	c	5	41
Edinburgh	f	8	46	Newcastle	c	6	43
Glasgow	c	6	43	R'nldsway	c	6	43

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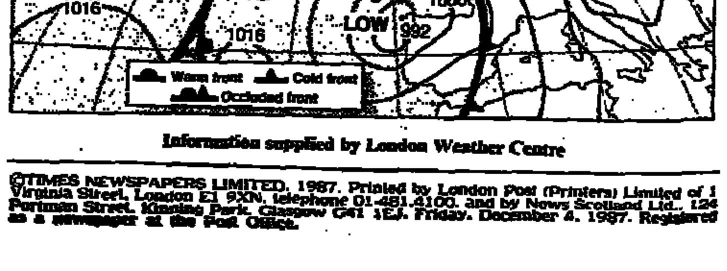

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Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1263.6 (–3.3)

FT-SE 100
1588.4 (–1.9)

Bargains
23323 (20499)

USM (Datastream)
127.65 (–0.11)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8045 (–0.0105)

W German mark
2.9982 (–0.0011)

Trade-weighted
75.9 (–0.2)

Crash lays off 17 at Govett

The market crash has triggered more redundancies in the fund management sector with Berkeley Govett, the financial services group, laying off 17 members of staff at its John Govett investment management subsidiary.

Mr Arthur Trueger, the chairman of Berkeley Govett which purchased John Govett last December, said yesterday that the cuts included two fund managers. The rest are back office staff.

Mr Donald Adamson of Berkeley Govett said: "Obviously it is going to be interpreted in the light of the stock market crash. All we are doing is preventing ourselves from getting into real trouble by taking steps now."

Tomorrow's *Family Money* explains why the first anniversary of the personal equity plan could sound its death knell. Also, how is the Government getting its wider share ownership policy back on track, after the BP flop?

Carless soars

Carless, Capel and Leonard, the independent oil group, reported a fourfold jump in interim pretax profits to £2.2 million. An unchanged interim dividend of 1p was declared.

Paragon debut

Paragon Communications, the public relations company, is seeking a full listing on the Stock Exchange through a placing of 1.36 million shares at 80p each.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1810.01 (–38.96)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	22808.16 (–107.33)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2057.43 (–43.40)
Amsterdam: Gen	203.0 (–2.1)
Sydney: AO	1307.7 (–22.2)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1335.2 (+2.0)
Brussels:	
General	3663.0 (–17.8)
Paris: CAC	286.0 (–4.1)
Zurich: SKA Gen	425.4 (–5.7)
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	800.06 (–1.78)
FT.– "500"	880.48 (–1.59)
FT. Gold Mines	337.0 (–4.3)
FT. Fixed interest	96.85 (+0.46)
FT. Govt Secs	89.97 (+0.12)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Calor Group	422p (+18p)
Coalite	311p (+13p)
Securicor	290p (+20p)
News Intnl.	235p (+10p)
RHP	188p (+19p)
Davies & Newman	490p (+20p)
Graig	550p (+50p)
Wiggins	127p (+14p)
Cooksons	457p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Henderson Admin.	575p (–50p)
MK Elect.	562p (–38p)
Wm Collins	550p (–25p)
Mecca Leisure	160p (–19p)
Pearson	620p (–15p)
J Jarvis	600p (–25p)
Parrish	425p (–25p)
N Brown	315p (–20p)
GRE	765p (–10p)
Daejan	725p (–10p)
Broken Hill	254p (–16p)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8½%
3-month interbank 8 11/16-8⅝%
3-month eligible bills: 8 11/32-8 7/32%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¾%
Federal Funds 6⅞%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.35-5.34%*
30-year bonds 97⅝-97 21/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8045	£: $1.8060*
£: DM2.9982	$: DM1.6603*
£: SwFr2.4523	$: SwFr1.3590*
£: FFr10.1774	$: FFr5.6445*
£: Yen240.09	$: Yen132.85*
£: Index:75.9	$: Index:95.4
ECU £0.688694	SDR £0.753330

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $488.95 pm-$491.10
close $490.00-490.50 (£271.50-272.00)
New York:
Comex $487.40-487.90*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan) pm $18.15bbl ($17.86)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Rates reduced to help dollar

Europe's action meets cool market response

By David Smith and John England

European central banks, in a co-ordinated move, cut short-term interest rates yesterday to stabilize the foreign exchange markets and boost confidence.

The centrepiece of the round of cuts was a half-point reduction in the West German discount rate to 2.5 per cent — its lowest ever. It was preceded by a cut in dealing rates by the Bank of England — prompting a half-point reduction in bank base rates to 8.5 per cent — and followed by official rate cuts in France, Austria, Switzerland and The Netherlands.

Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, said he was delighted with the reductions in European rates, which followed Wednesday's DM21 billion (£7 billion) loans programme announced in Bonn.

"These interest rate cuts, together with the measures announced by the Federal Republic of Germany, should help to strengthen growth in Europe and reduce trade imbalances," he said. "They represent an important contribution to our international economic policy co-ordination efforts."

The rate cuts met with a muted response in the financial markets, however. The dollar rose by less than a pfennig to DM1.6615, and climbed only slightly against the yen, from Y132.70 to Y133.05.

In London the pound fell by just over a cent to $1.8045. But it rose against the mark, and the Bank of England had to intervene to keep it below DM3, in spite of the cut in British interest rates. It closed at DM2.9988.

The reductions failed to lift equity markets. The FT-SE 100 index closed 1.9 points down at 1,588.4. In afternoon trading on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was down by 39.79 points at 1,809.18.

The timing of a meeting of the Group of Seven finance ministers and central bankers is still in doubt. Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, is pressing for a meeting before Christmas, in order to secure a solid commitment to dollar stability from the US Administration.

But the fact that the European countries have acted to cut rates now may reduce the urgency for an early G7 meeting.

The Bundesbank said that the discount rate cut was in line with the recent downward trend in money market rates, and was intended to help stabilize the foreign exchange markets.

The timing of the Bank of England's reduction, before a discount rate decision had been announced in Frankfurt, took the money markets by surprise.

However, it was clear that the British authorities had received a clear indication from the Bundesbank before cutting dealing rates.

The main clearing banks, led by the Midland Bank, quickly cut base rates to 8.5 per cent, their lowest level since March 1984.

The Nederlandsche Bank cuts its discount rate from 4 to 3.75 per cent, the Swiss National Bank reduced its discount rate from 3 to 2.5 per cent, the Austrian National Bank reduced the discount rate from 3.5 to 3 per cent, and the Bank of France trimmed its money market intervention rate from 8 to 7.75 per cent. Later, Belgium cut its discount rate from 7.25 to 7 per cent.

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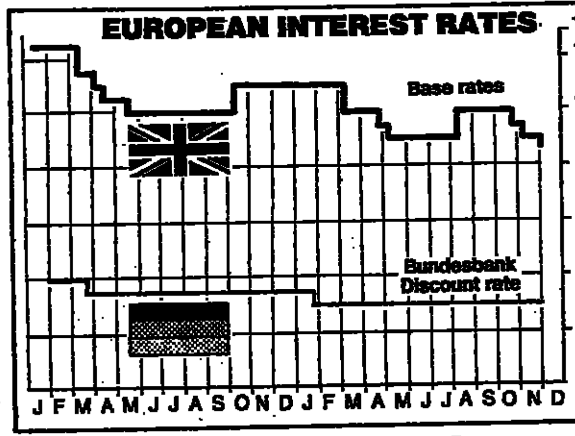

Budget deal faces close vote

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US House of Representatives prepared to vote yesterday on deficit-reduction legislation which is vital for the Reagan Administration's programme to force other nations to stimulate their economies.

House officials said they anticipated a bitter struggle over the legislation, with debate expected to drag on late into the night. The vote was expected to be very close.

The vote on a Continuing Resolution to fund the US government is the first test of Congressional support for the two-year, $76 billion (£42.1 billion) deficit reduction agreement announced on November 20.

A negative vote would be a setback to the plans of Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary, to wrest additional concessions from other industrialized countries at a new, as yet unscheduled, meeting of the Group of Seven nations.

Concern over the deficit agreement grew as Mr Baker was accused of playing a dangerous game with the dollar by allowing it to fall sharply to pressure other nations, notably West Germany, to take expansionary measures.

The Administration's new economic plan, as articulated earlier by Mr Baker, appears to be focused on avoiding a global recession at the time of next year's Presidential elections by forcing other nations to lower interest rates, reduce taxes and generally stimulate their economies.

But Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, said yesterday that a successful G7 meeting would depend strongly on a pledge by the US and other nations to stabilize the dollar.

Mr Baker has declined so far to make this pledge, saying through Treasury officials that the US would reserve the right to refrain from an interest rate increase if it threatened a domestic recession.

A Treasury spokesman declined yesterday to comment on the Chancellor's remarks, referring journalists to earlier statements in which Mr Baker stated that he welcomed a successful G7 accord.

Stephen Markeson

Sweet success: James Kerr Muir, Tate's new UK managing director (left) and Neil Shaw at Sugar Quay yesterday

Refined profits again at Tate & Lyle

By Carol Ferguson

Tate & Lyle reported its ninth successive year of higher profits yesterday. It attributed the performance to a recovery in the profitability of British sugar refining.

However Mr Neil Shaw, chairman, cautioned that while profits from British sugar refining had greatly improved compared with 1986, "they still do not provide an adequate return on the capital employed in the business."

At a meeting with journalists at the group's London headquarters in Sugar Quay, he said that he expected margins to improve in 1988, either as a result of renegotiation of margins with the EEC or through the benefits of capital expenditure.

Mr Shaw also announced that the group was going ahead with the construction of several factories to manufacture its new, sugar-based, calorie-free sweetener, sucralose. He said both Tate and its joint venture partner Johnson & Johnson, had approved the multi-million pound capital expenditure programme.

"We want to be able to supply sucralose immediately it is approved for sale by the regulatory authorities", he said. The plants should be in production by the time approval is received — we are still on schedule for late 1988 or early 1989.."

Tate & Lyle's pretax profits rose 13 per cent to £92 million for the year to September 26. Nearly half its profits came from sweetener production in three main centres, the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada. All three areas improved markedly.

British profits jumped from £4.1 million to £14.1 million because of the end of the price war with British Sugar and improved market conditions. US profits rose from £9.1 million to £12.4 million because of a profitable beet sugar operation, while in Canada, the Toronto refinery had record throughputs.

Mr Shaw said the sale of its near-15 per cent interest in S&W Berisford last September made a profit of £23 million before tax.

He also announced plans to redevelop the group's 22 acre Docklands site at Plaistow, in the East End of London, involving the relocation of Tate's small-scale operations at Plaistow Wharf.

The dividend was raised 3p to 26p net.

Legrand 'to make offer' for MK

By Our City Staff

The siege of MK Electric, the plugs and sockets group, took an unexpected turn yesterday when its "white knight," Siemens, the German company, suddenly galloped away, leaving the ground clear for the French predator Legrand.

Legrand is now saying it "intends to make an offer" for MK, which is already fighting a hostile £206 million bid from RTZ Corporation. Last night MK and Legrand were locked in talks.

Siemens was brought in after RTZ snapped up 22 per cent of MK and launched a full bid worth 550p a share in cash. But less than 24 hours after MK had announced that it was talking to Siemens — with which it had close trading ties — the German group, through its financial advisers Salomon Brothers, suddenly pulled out. Salomon indicated that Siemens had been unwilling to become involved in an auction for the British company.

The decision shook the MK board — which had banked on Siemens mounting a rescue operation — particularly when it discovered that Siemens had been holding secret meetings with Legrand. In a brief statement MK said it had learned that representatives of the two companies "had extensive meetings at Heathrow Airport, and discussed various proposed commercial arrangements between them. Siemens subsequently informed the board that it was no longer interested in making an offer at this time."

As a result, MK said, it broke off talks with Siemens — a statement appearing to conflict with the version of events put forward by Siemens.

Sources close to MK pointed to the coincidence in the loss of interest by Siemens after meeting Legrand, and the possibility that the two European firms may have plans for splitting up MK after a bid.

Legrand still faces an uphill fight. It has acquired a 6 per cent stake in MK

Renamed Hanson soars to £741m

By Alison Eadie

Hanson Trust yesterday changed its name to Hanson plc, and announced a 60 per cent boost to £741 million in pretax profits for the year ended September 30.

Sales rose 55 per cent, to £6.68 billion, diluted earnings per share were 31 per cent higher, at 14p, and the final dividend was raised 40 per cent, to 3p.

Lord Hanson, the chairman, said: "The opportunities for continuing growth are greater than at any time in the quarter-century of our history."

Sir Gordon White, the chairman of Hanson Industries in the United States, said: "The underlying strength of our companies has not yet reached its potential."

Hanson now ranks number eight among British corporations, and is one of the 60 largest companies in the US.

The British companies increased profits last year by 79 per cent, to £407 million, with all divisions up on the previous year. Imperial Foods, acquired with the Imperial Group in May last year, made a particularly strong showing.

Imperial tobacco showed higher sales and profit, and the company says it is holding its own in market share terms.

Building products benefited from strong demand for bricks in the continuing house-building boom, and Allders duty-free sales at Gatwick registered an all-time high with sales of £2 million in one week.

Hanson Industries increased profits by 18 per cent, to £220 million. Recent acquisitions SCM and Kaiser Cement helped offset the fall of the dollar.

The one disappointment in the figures was Endicott Johnson, the American footwear manufacturing and retailing company. Hanson is having discussions about its possible sale.

The company remains unperturbed about the exchange rate.

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Key post at World Bank

By Our Banking Correspondent

Mr Don Roth, a senior executive at Merrill Lynch, the US securities house, is expected to be appointed as the new treasurer of the World Bank next week. The key post at the World Bank has been vacant since Mr Eugene Rotberg resigned last May.

World Bank sources confirmed Mr Roth's appointment is under consideration by the 22 executive directors.

Mr Roth is chairman of Merrill Lynch Private Capital, an investment banking subsidiary of the group.

He will take over as vice-president of treasury, one of the Bank's most difficult jobs, with responsibility for its capital markets borrowing operations and the management of its liquidity and reserves.

Bass rises 18% to £365m

By Alexandra Jackson

Bass, Britain's leading brewer, bucked the industry trend in the year to end-October and pleased the stock market with pretax profits up 18 per cent at £365 million. Bass shares rose 12p to 789p.

Bass's lager sales — 51.5 per cent of its beer business — were up more than the industry average of 6.5 per cent. Ale sales were down.

The company refused to comment on speculation that the Coral betting shop chain, which had a dull year, might be sold.

The Horizon holiday business disappointed although it stayed in profit.

Brewing, drinks and retailing trading profits rose 20 per cent to £317.9 million on sales of £2.3 billion.

Leisure trading profits grew by 11 per cent to £68.5 million on sales of £985.3 million.

Earnings per share rose 20 per cent to 71.6p. A final dividend of 14.75p was declared, making a total for the year of 19.55p. Shareholders may receive shares in lieu of dividends. A revaluation of properties threw up a surplus of £829.2 million. Bass's net debt-to-equity ratio at the year-end was 14 per cent.

Bass realized an extraordinary profit net of tax of £24.2 million

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Royal Bank of Scotland in profit

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

The Royal Bank of Scotland yesterday comfortably beat City expectations by declaring pretax profits for 1987 of £193 million, despite a £77 million specific provision against Third World bad debts.

The profit was up 8.3 per cent on the previous year, but without the specific provision it would have been an increase of 48.6 per cent. The bank also announced a 17.6 per cent increase in the year's dividend, from 10.8p to 12.7p.

Describing the figures as "exceptional," Sir Michael Herries, the chairman, said: "We are the only British bank this year to have boosted our Third World debt provisions while also producing an increase in profits. It is also the first time our shareholders' funds have topped £1 billion."

The provision increase takes the Royal Bank's cover for its £325 million in Third World loans to 32 per cent — greater than other British banks.

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Outside management team takes over in £72m deal

A new bearing for RHP Group

By Cliff Feltham

RHP Group, which has fought a long battle to keep Britain a world force in ball bearings used in generations of aeroplanes and motor cars, is pulling out of the business.

The whole operation, with 4,000 workers in seven British factories, is being sold for £72 million to an outside management team backed by the venture capital arm of Citicorp Investment Bank and Standard Chartered Bank.

The move, inspired by the City's belief that the continuing involvement in the business was dragging the rest of the group down, will enable RHP to make rapid progress in building up its more glamorous and less volatile interests in electrical engineering and fasteners.

RHP, formed in late 1969 from three leading British-owned bearing firms, Ransome & Marles, Hoffmann Manufacturing and Pollard, in a merger orchestrated by the Labour Government's Industrial Reorganisation Corporation, has spent the last 10 years developing out of the traditional ball bearings business.

The decision to sell was hastened by the arrival of the new chief executive, Mr Roger Pinnington, the former head of Royal Ordnance. "There is a certain sadness in letting the business go, but I think it can do better on its own while we can get on with taking RHP forward in different directions," he said.

"Although it is profitable and well run, its limited growth prospects and the capital commitment required would constrain our other plans."

Last year the ball bearings business made an operating profit of £10.2 million on turnover of £93 million. Standard Chartered Bank is underwriting and syndicating the debt financing involved in the consortium buyout. Mr Alan Bowkett, aged 36, who is currently managing director of the building products firm, Boulton & Paul — part of BET — is heading the management team.

"I consider this is a unique opportunity to set up a group which could come back to the stock market at some time," he said. "The incumbent management is very good and has brought the business back from the brink."

RHP also announced its full-year results yesterday, showing a 24 per cent advance in pretax profits to £21.9 million. Turnover rose by 8 per cent to £177 million.

After the disposal of the ball bearings side and the recent acquisition of Det-Tronics, which markets fire detection equipment, RHP will be sitting on net cash resources of about £65 million.

The stock market greeted the figures and the disposal of the bearings operation by marking the shares 19p higher at 169p.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

ML Holdings lifts off with defence orders

ML Holdings, best known for making parts for JP233 runway-wrecking bombs carried by Tornadoes, lifted pretax profits 54 per cent to £1.68 million in the six months to September 30. Sales rose about £4 million to £35.28 million.

The dominant defence and aerospace division continues to benefit from ML's cost-cutting programme, while its JP233 work for the Ministry of Defence has been augmented by the Saudi contract for JP233s to be fitted to their Tornado order. The figures include a big contribution from FL Douglas Holdings, the ground handling and aircraft support equipment manufacturer ML bought in April but nothing from the more recently acquired Wallop Holdings. The interim dividend is up slightly from 0.52p to 0.6p

Asprey up to £7.4m

Asprey, the Bond Street jeweller, lifted pretax profits from £6.3 million to £7.4 million in the half year to September 30, on slightly better sales of £29.6 million. But while optimistic about full-year results, it is anxious about the possible effects on business of economic uncertainty. Earnings per share rose from 7.06p to 9.73p, and the interim dividend is raised to 1.25p from 1.17p.

Baker Harris reaps £1.05m

Baker Harris Saunders Group, the estate agent, yesterday announced profits before tax of £1.05 million for the six months to October 31, compared with £774,000 in the corresponding half last year. Turnover increased from £1.675 million to £2.332 million. Earnings per share went up from 5.6p to 6.6p, and the company is paying an interim dividend of 2.25p.

Sales hit at 600 Group

Poor demand for machine tools has limited the recovery at 600 Group, where pretax profits rose from £568,000 to £1.4 million in the six months to October 10 on sharply lower sales of £59 million. However, with a big restructuring programme almost completed, the short-term prospects at the machine tools and laser-cutting machinery company have been improving.

The main loss-making or low-return businesses have either been sold or closed down. But now the group faces two fresh worries — the impact on the world market for capital goods of the uncertainty in financial markets, and the effect of the falling dollar on sales and margins in 600 Group's most important markets. The interim dividend is being held at 2.34p.

Boat builder buoyant

Fairline Boats, the Peterborough boat builder, pleased the stock market by announcing full-year pretax profits of £2.4 million, up from £1.2 million previously. Turnover rose from £12.6 million to £17.6 million. The shares jumped 30p to 255p. This year has made a good start but the company said longer-term prospects could depend on the outcome of the present financial squalls.

Dollar slide hits Scapa

Scapa, the industrial holdings group, was held back by the falling dollar in the half year to end September. Despite a high level of activity, operating profit from North America — which contributes about half of the group's operating income — was almost unchanged. Pretax profits were £16.3 million (£15.6 million), and an interim dividend of 2.26p per share (2.1p) was declared.

Marling pushes ahead

Marling Industries, which makes webbing for seat-belts, slings and other industrial applications, is reaping the benefits from moves to expand its operations in Spain. In August, Marling bought a privately owned manufacturer of polypropylene yarn and fabric based near Barcelona and funded the purchase by a one-for-five rights issue.

Yesterday, the group reported a strong advance in half-time profits, despite almost unchanged turnover. Profits before tax for the six months to end-September were £2.325 million compared with £1.443 million last year. Sales were hardly changed at £29.947 million against £29.2 million. The group said that it continued to enjoy good levels of demand and profitability. The company said that it was particularly pleased with the progress it had made with the Spanish operations.

STOCK MARKET

Stores under pressure on poor trading forecasts

By Geoffrey Foster

Stores could come under pressure today as dealers take increasing notice of analysts' pessimistic forecasts on Christmas trading. The advice from Mr Zak Keshavjee, analyst at SBCI Savory Milln, who asking clients to reduce their exposure to the sector fast.

Mr Keshavjee believes that prospects for the critical three-week run-up to Christmas are looking poor and on current trends the market can expect significant downward profit revisions.

He states thattomorrow's trading is crucial for such is the intensity of the volume of business carried out over the final three weeks before Christmas, any slippage cannot be made up. Any fall in the level of business would wipe out profits growth.

Seasonal lines have not showed any signs of picking up — sales at Selfridges toy department are down 15 per cent on last year for example, while the most telling evidence is the indication that clothing sales growth has slowed in November despite favourable weather.

Marks and Spencer, the jewel in the high street's crown, appears to have suffered from a sizeable slowdown in sales growth after a recovery in October.

Mr Keshavjee has also some bearish remarks about the future trend of consumer spending and predicts that from 1988 a pronounced slowing in the growth of spending is forecast and by 1989 could be very weak.

Altogether it makes a depressing scenario for store dealers who recently had to contend with the warning from Dixons, the biggest electrical retailer, that Christmas sales would be disappointing.

Analysts at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, were also said to be bearish and and had downgraded its leading retailers by about 5 per cent.

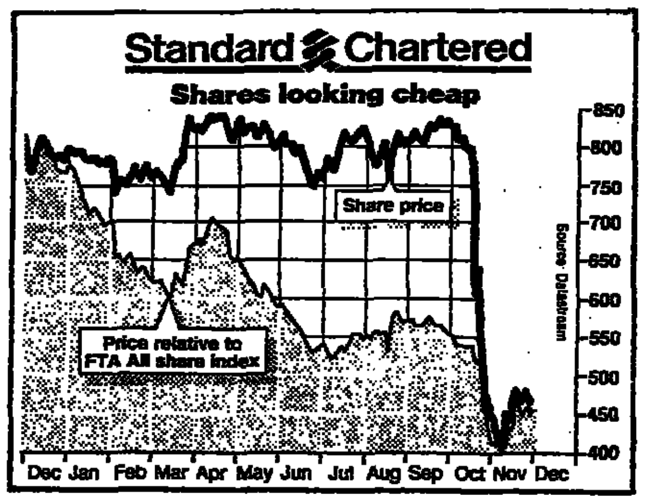
Marks and Spencer closed 10p down at 160p, **Burton** relinquished 8p to 223p, but **Dixons** held the overnight level of 194p.

Elsewhere in the market, news of a half-point reduction in clearing bank base rates to 8.5 per cent brought some temporary cheer to a market which had been drifting aimlessly towards the end of a forgettable account.

Dealers then happened to notice that the Dow Jones industrial average had taken a turn for the worse on Wall Street in the early dealings and the trend immediately deteriorated.

Bearish remarks from Mr Robert Prechter, the Georgia-based Wall Street forecaster, and continuing doubts as to whether the proposed US deficit cutting measures will win Congress approval prompted the early 40-point fall on Wall Street.

Sufficiently frightened, the London market saw the FT-SE 100 share index lose a rise of 21.2 points to close the session 1.9 lower on the day at 1,588.4. The FT 30 share index ended 3.3 down at 1,263.6.



Shares of **Standard Chartered**, the international bank, which became a casualty of the stock market crash that halved its share value from £8 to £4, closed 15p easier at 435p yesterday.

Recently, the shares have been pulled downwards by speculation that Mr Robert Holmes à Court, its deputy chairman, may be forced to sell his 14.9 per cent stake in the bank in order to meet other financial commitments.

The shares have also sometimes moved upward on stories that the bank was on the verge of selling its Union Bancorp subsidiary in the US for £800 million in cash.

However, they should soon start to move forwards if comments made by analysts at Kleinwort Grieveson Securities, the broker, are anything to go by after their recent visit to the company.

Analysts believe that barring any unforeseen circumstances, Standard will not cut the dividend,which will put the bank on a prospective yield of 10 per cent, using an unchanged dividend of 35p net, by far the highest yield in the sector.

The board also considers it extremely unlikely that Mr Holmes à Court's stake will come on to the market and is certain that it would be the last stake that the Australian entrepreneur would consider selling. But if he were to dispose of the stake it would be placed in an orderly fashion with an individual or institutions.

Standard confirmed that its Union Bancorp subsidiary was up for sale — at the right price. The pre-crash sale price was £1 billion, but the board would now be pleased to fetch £800 million cash, and believes that a figure of between £700 million and £750 million is now more realistic.

This proposed sale combined with other asset disposals and sale and leasebacks will enhance the group's capital ratios.

Analysts were also impressed by Standard's ambition to grow significantly in the British retail market and suggest that the group could well be contemplating an acquisition or a merger.

Not long ago, an agreed merger between Standard and Royal Bank of Scotland was thwarted by the aggressive bid from Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and Standard could well decide to try for RBS a second time.

Moss Trust, formerly Moss Advertising, the USM-listed company which has one of the biggest batches of institutional backers on the USM, stayed at the overnight level of 78p despite reporting impressive preliminary results.

Pretax profits advanced by 30 per cent to £221,000 from £170,000 on turnover up from £8.8 million to £9.7 million.

Mr Stuart Pearson, the chairman, and his deputy, Mr John Cooper, have exciting plans for the company and state that "current year turnover is running 40 per cent higher than last year and profits should be significantly higher." Both men plan to widen the base of the company's activities

A series of acquisitions is in the pipeline, with Mr Pearson on the verge of merging his printing and insurance broking businesses into Moss in deals worth a combined £570,000.

Takeover speculation in **Birmid Qualcast**, the Potterton boilers to New World cookers and lawnmowers group, intensified as **Blue Circle Industries**, Britain's biggest cement supplier, announced it had purchased a further 1.2 million Birmid shares, taking its shareholding up to 9.3 per cent.

Dealers immediately took the view that it was now only just a matter of time before BCI would reveal bid terms and chased Birmid shares up to 322p at one stage before they closed only 1p better at 310p.

● Grampian Holdings, the acquisitive Scottish mini-conglomerate, moved up 2p to 200p. Prudential Bache, the broker, suggests the shares offer excellent long-term growth prospects and are a strong buy, supported by the recent acquisition of Patrick, the French-based sporting goods company.

● Helical Bar, the property development and investment group headed by Mr Michael Slade, rose 7p to 145p. Badly hit by the market crash, Helical is beginning to attract support on the view that the shares have been oversold. There is also talk of a couple of deals in the pipeline.

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ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	986	Coats	2,039	Land Sec	7,213	Rowntree	91
Alld-Lyons	1,738	CU	2,106	Laporte	220	Royal Bank	1,528
Amstrad	1,232	Cons Gold	604	L&G	475	Royal Ins	397
ASDA	1,569	Cookson	265	Lloyds	1,409	Saatchi	1,773
AB Foods	372	Courtaulds	731	Lonrho	756	Sainsbury	1,481
Argyll	4,055	Dalgety	267	Lucas	62	Scot & N	725
BAA	725	Dee	4,907	Magnet	576	Sears	4,135
BET	499	Dixons	2,244	M&S	7,175	Sedgwick	270
BTR	4,022	ECC	734	Maxwell Cm	2,364	Shell	608
BAT	2,162	Enterprise	1,155	MEPC	674	Smith & N	4,616
Barclays	2,124	Ferranti	3,216	Metal Box	775	STC	3,352
Bass	1,337	Fisons	5695	Midland	1,381	Stan Chart	601
Beecham	2,441	Gen Acc	201	NatWest	1,546	Storehse	6,287
Beazer	164	GEC	11,346	Next	975	Sun Allnce	350
BICC	975	Glaxo	1,785	Nth Food	994	T & N	397
Blue Arrow	1,223	Globe	321	P&O	850	Tarmac	1,017
Blue Circle	244	Granada	540	Pearl	405	Tate & Lyle	1,096
BOC	2,603	Grand Met	2,140	Pearson	344	TSB	386
Boots	2,305	GUS 'A'	758	Pilkington	1,600	Tesco	1,970
BPB	204	GRE	576	Plessey	7,998	Thorn EMI	2,970
Br Aero	6,365	GKN	159	Prudential	495	Trafalgar	453
Br Airways	1,580	Guinness	2,701	Racal	2,905	THF	7.065
Br Comm	811	Hamm 'A'	154	Rk Hovis	25	Ultramar	157
Br Gas	6,147	Hanson	21,169	Rank	129	Unigate	569
Br Petrol	8,208	Hawker	679	R&C	172	Unilever	804
Br Telecm	14,610	Hawley	2,014	Redland	417	United Bis	1,609
Britoil	6,220	Hillsdown	1,616	Reed	712	Utd News	254
Bunzl	734	IMI	635	Reuters	1,617	Wellcome	3,572
Burmah	850	ICI	2,069	RMC Gp	139	Whitbrd	454
Burton	3,860	Jaguar	1,534	RTZ	678	Wills Fab	1,606
C&W	2,595	Lasmo	822	R-Royce	14,126	Woolworth	1,617
Cadbury	2,782	Ladbroke	1,356	Rothmn 'B'	984	Equities page 29	

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Bass quality is impressive

Bass's results, confirming the quality of earnings at Britain's biggest brewer, must speak for themselves, if for no other reason than that a breakdown of profits beyond the rough categorizations "brewing, drinks and retailing" and "leisure" is not forthcoming.

It was impressive to build on a share of the beer market, well ahead of the field at 21 per cent. Both lager and ale fared better than the industry's plus 6.5 per cent and minus 3.5 per cent respectively.

Other drinks are holding their own, while investment in the retail activities continues apace.

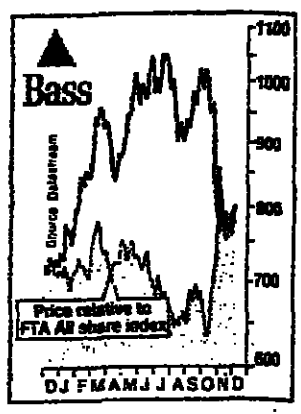
With Horizon, Bass has a 13 per cent share of the foreign holiday market. It may be growing 15 per cent compound but this has not compensated for the ravages of price cutting.

Bass believes it needs this distribution business to develop leisure hotels. Time may prove Bass right unless perennial problems absorb a disproportionate amount of management time.

The Monopolies Commission's pronouncements will not emerge before the autumn. Until then, waves of panic will waft through the sector from time to time, but Bass's strong brands and developing retail interests should position it well, whatever the outcome.

The prolonged completion for Holiday Inns reduces the sterling cost, and the convertible consideration for a stake in Holiday Corporation has been renegotiated. The potential for the enlarged hotel business is good, with the mixture of owned, leased and managed units providing flexibility.

Bass's defensive qualities are ideally suited to today's markets. On pretax profits forecasts of £420 million, earnings of 82p demonstrate growth well in line with the market but a below-average p/e, making the shares a sound hold.



Royal Bank of Scotland

A year can make all the difference in banking. Last year, the Royal Bank of Scotland doubled its provisions against bad debt in Britain, causing mayhem in its performance figures. This year, it has actually reduced the general provision charge by 10 per cent, helping to push its sparkling 1987 performance well beyond City expectations.

The change of tack remains somewhat mysterious, but owes much to the lumpiness of the bad debts. It was only at the half-way stage this year that the bank again increased provisions, and gave warning there might be more to come.

Since then, it appears the situation in the shipping and oil industries — where most problems were concentrated — has improved greatly.

The convenience of this change cannot be questioned. It allows the Royal Bank to make a full £77 million provision against Third World debt and still produce a rise in profits.

Without that specific provision, the Royal Bank's profit increase would have been an impressive 48.6 per cent, to £274 million.

The basic business, however, is pressing forward strongly. The shares bounced up 22p to 315p yesterday, leaving it on a p/e of 7. On fundamentals, it is now looking one of the strongest shares in the sector.

Hanson fears

Hanson shares managed only a 1p rise to 123p on final profits some £10 million better than best expectations. The reasons were nervousness about the group's dollar exposure, and fears that acquisition-led growth must run out of steam because of the sheer size of the company.

American profits accounted for 30 per cent of last year's profits, but should return towards the usual 50-50 split when Kidde makes a 10 month contribution this year. The balance sheet exposure to the dollar remains small, at £158 million.

Acquisitions gave a big boost. The figures included a 12-month contribution from Imperial Group, against five months the previous year, 12 months of SCM, against nine months, and a nine-month contribution from Kaiser Cement.

Although Hanson has total cash in the bank of £2.98 billion, following a string of disposals, it is expected to move into a net debt position after including borrowings to finance Kidde.

The restructuring of Kidde is to come, but disposals will be made in a bear market, while the acquisition was made at the tail end of the bull market.

Hanson is well placed to make acquisitions, and targets are much cheaper than they were. The market remains dubious that the time is ripe for large bids, without which Hanson would be hard-pressed to maintain its growth record.

Shearson merger confirmed

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Shearson Lehman and EF Hutton, finally announced their agreed merger which will form the largest securities house in the US, after a day's delay while details of the deal were thrashed out.

Under the agreement, Shearson is offering $29.25 for EF Hutton shares in a cash and debt deal which values the securities house at around $960 million. The price represents a substantial discount to the $50 which Shearson is believed to have offered for EF Hutton a year ago. Since then the stock market collapse has depressed the value of securities houses and EF Hutton is known to have suffered substantial losses since October 19.

A spokesman for Shearson said that the merger of the two companies' operations would begin in six to seven months' time. The linking of branch networks and of securities trading operations were likely to be the first areas to be dealt with.

He said that there would be job cuts but did not know if any would fall in London. Both companies have operations in the City and earlier this year Shearson dismissed 150 staff to save costs.

The merger of Shearson and EF Hutton will create a firm with capital of £3.7 billion and a sales force of some 12,000 — larger than either of its rivals, Salomon Brothers and Merrill Lynch. It will have about $100 billion of funds under management and some 3 million client accounts in the US.

Mr Peter Cohen, chairman and chief executive of Shearson will become overall head of the merged group

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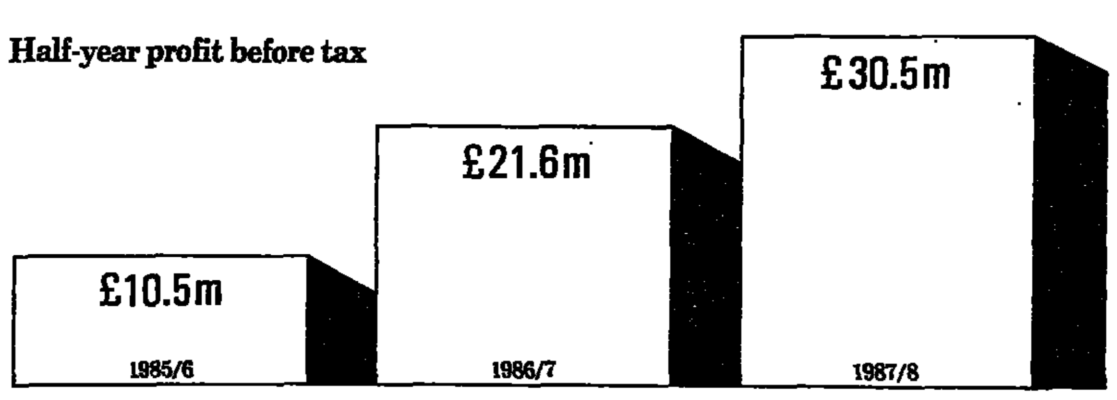

Results for the six months ended 30th September 1987

OPERATING PROFIT £32.1m UP 17%
PROFIT BEFORE TAX £30.5m UP 41%
PROFIT AFTER TAX £22.6m UP 40%
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TURNOVER	£380.8m	£273.7m	+39%
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	£86.2m	£70.4m	+22%
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	£58.6m	£51.3m	+14%
EARNINGS PER SHARE - BASIC	51.8p	46.9p	+ 9%
TOTAL NET DIVIDEND PER SHARE	7.875p	5.625p	+40%

The Agriculture and Food Division raised pre-tax profits by 12% to £72.6m and has been strengthened by the expansion of its markets, particularly in Europe, and the year-round supply of produce from a wider geographical base.

In the Consumer Electronics Division results were dominated by Vestel's excellent performance. Sales increased by 90% to £91m and pre-tax profits were up 127% to £9.3m. The growing export programme and recent European and Far Eastern acquisitions strengthen the division further.

Textiles acquired an international perspective in the Far East, Europe and the U.S. increasing pre-tax profits 231% to £4.3m on sales up 80%.

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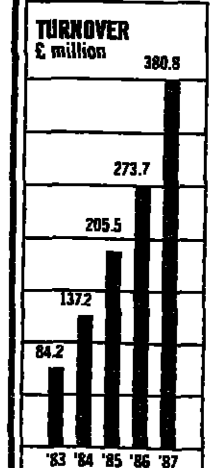

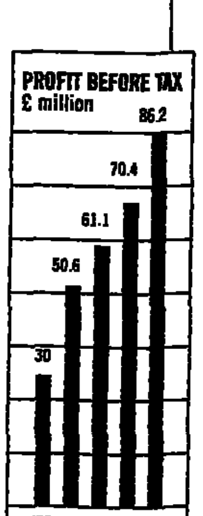

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Record half-year profit puts BSC on course for £350m

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The British Steel Corporation, probably the most profitable steel producer in the world, is on course to earn profits approaching £350 million this year, it was announced yesterday.

Sir Robert Scholey, the chairman, early yesterday had given strong hints that the privatization of the corporation would be brought forward, but refused to be drawn on exact timing. The sale decision was announced later in the House of Commons. The selloff is expected to raise up to £1 billion.

Sir Robert, announcing record profits for the half-year to October after all charges of £190 million, said: "We are now waiting for our owners. It was disappointing that we did not come up front in the election manifesto because we wish to be privatized. We are sufficiently profitable to operate alone and wish to go now."

The half-year figure is more than three times higher than the £60 million recorded a year ago and in excess of the entire 1986-87 net profit of £178 million.

The BSC has an accumulated deficit of about £1 billion but the restructuring of the balance sheet was a matter for the government, Sir Robert said.

The corporation was well managed and had a well paid workforce, he said. The average steelworker's wage, including overtime and bonus, was now £230 a week, 10 per cent up on a year ago. Under the new bonus scheme operating throughout the corporation, workers can qualify for between 4 per cent and 18 per cent of average earnings every quarter depending on their plant's performance. In the case of the high volume works, such as Teesside, workers have been receiving up to £400 a quarter.

The main problem facing the steel-making industry in Europe is the continuing need to restructure in the face of European Commission demands for a reduction in hot rolling capacity of 30 million tonnes.

So far there is no agreement between member states and the Commission is threatening to abandon the present system of production quotas if the Council of Ministers fails to reach agreement at a meeting on Tuesday.

Sir Robert said that while the BSC wanted to return to a totally free market it was, unlike the British government, in favour of some quotas until restructuring was complete. Maintenance of price levels was the most important factor, he said. The BSC was seeking to be allocated another 360,000 tonnes of quota a year.

Restructuring had to be tackled without further direct or indirect subsidies to avoid jeopardizing the companies that emerged as viable after the traumas of the 1980s.

The Government has effectively guaranteed the continued existence of all BSC's integrated steelworks, including the threatened Ravenscraig plant in Strathclyde, for the time being. Yesterday Sir Robert said that BSC policy towards its plant configuration was "steady as we go". The workforce is now 51,200, down by 800 since the start of the year.

The half-year profit was "a further and impressive step forward" but the board was not euphoric, particularly as there could be some recessive period ahead

The continuing weakness of the US dollar had made raw material prices cheaper, but this was only a temporary respite, Sir Robert said.

Mr Martin Llowarch, BSC's chief executive, said the corporation needed profits of £350 million "to be able to pay our owner something on his investment". Profits of £200 million a year would sustain the present £275 million capital spending plan and the board was now considering lifting investments to £300 million a year.

Britain's strong economy led to a 16 per cent rise in BSC's home market sales to £1.276 billion in the six months.

Coalite Group ahead at £17.5m

By Lawrence Lever

Coalite Group, whose activities range from smokeless fuel manufacture to sheep farming in the Falklands, yesterday reported an increase in half-year profits before tax, from £14.4 million to £17.5 million.

The increase was achieved with a lower contribution to profits from interest and similar income. This was £3.49 million, as against £4.43 million

Turnover of £291 million was swelled by last November's £99 million purchase of the Hargreaves fuel distribution and shipping group. In the first half last year turnover was £182 million. The company says that it has successfully integrated the Hargreaves fuel operations with its Charrington Fuels subsidiary.

Increased operating efficiency in the company's smokeless fuel business has enabled it to keep the price of Coalite constant, for the second successive year.

Coalite, which is chaired by Mr Eric Varley, the former Labour minister, increased its earnings per share in the six months to September 30 to 11.45p (10.73p) and is paying an interim dividend of 2.5p (2.25p).

It says that profits for the full year "will be dependent on the weather and the level of consumer demand".

Cleaning up: Eugene Anderson, head of Johnson Matthey, with JM's autocatalyst (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

Matthey lifts profits by record 41%

By Colin Campbell

Johnson Matthey, the precious metals group which, through its biomedical division, is conducting anti-Aids tests, turned in record results for the six months ended September. Group operating profits rose from £27.4 million to £32.1 million and, helped by a much reduced interest charge, pretax profits grew by 41 per cent, to £30.5 million.

The interim dividend is being lifted from 2p to 2.5p a share, and on the stock market yesterday the shares advanced from 225p to 233p.

Mr Eugene Anderson, the chief executive, said that the group had been restored to financial health after earlier troubles with its now-shelved banking division, and in the past three years JM had repaid bankers £400 million.

Gearing had been significantly trimmed, and now that the group was enjoying a strong cash flow, "Acquisitions will play an important part in our growth,"

Johnson Matthey takes a generally positive view of platinum and of its role in the autocatalyst market. The metal is used to help remove dangerous fumes from car exhaust emissions. The company says dollar movements have had only a marginal impact on results, and that more benefits from the recent rationalization measures are yet to be felt.

JM's results are another positive pointer to next week's interim figures from Charter Consolidated which, assuming the full conversion of all of JM's preference shares, has a 34.85 per cent stake in the group.

Net borrowings at September 30 were £78.2 million, compared with £165.4 million a year earlier, and £127.1 million at the March year-end. The net interest charge in the interim period was down from £5.8 million to £1.6 million.

JM is building a new European autocatalyst plant in Brussels

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Round Two cuts leave sullen bears growling

It may have been an accident of timing for Britain to lead the co-ordinated cuts in interest rates round Europe yesterday. If so, it was a happy accident. For Nigel Lawson can take credit for leadership in the Western world's response to the crash in world stock markets.

On interest rates, at least, Britain has not been in the easiest position to take initiatives. There is strong tension – not present in Germany – between the policy that would be suited to present conditions of lax credit and slight overheating, and policies needed to avoid a feared recession a year ahead.

That dilemma was not lost on the gilt-edged market yesterday. Early gains in conventional bonds were swiftly reversed, while index-linked issues perked up at the thought of higher inflation. In the money markets too, demand kept rates above the level indicated by the forced base rate cut, longer-term rates moving higher than one-month money.

To make matters worse, currency markets took the opposite tack, obliging the Bank of England to sell sterling against the mark to stop the pound rising inconveniently. A half point cut from 9 per cent was not judged equal to half a point off 3 per cent.

The Chancellor's gamble is well worth taking and there can be no argument about his right to resume his place as master of ceremonies. He swiftly and rightly pointed the finger back at the US Treasury. To complete the circle of international response, the Americans should abandon their love affair with dollar devaluation. It is important for the US to back dollar stabilization by word and deed.

It may not be any easier to prod the US into action. Recent utterances from the US Administration – yesterday in the person of Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter – make it clear that export growth from a super-competitive dollar is being offered as a political quid pro quo for budget cuts.

Japan has been excused from the latest fiscal/monetary round on account of good growth in domestic demand. Tokyo still has an important trade contribution to make to reducing imbalances. If early negative reactions to Gatt judgements against its processed food quotas are translated into policy, the protectionist danger will rapidly resurface, undoing much of the good work.

Even these difficulties pale beside the task of convincing sullen financial markets. The momentum of gloom has become such a juggernaut that each political response is deemed too little and too late. It is hard to imagine that anything like today's depression could have developed if present policies had been in place two months ago. But once the market has looked in the mirror and seen the bear, it cannot stop growling.

Yet the international policy readjustment has been swift and remarkable by most standards. It is now time the analysts realized the difference between accepting that and indulging in outdated false optimism.

Channon digs in

The efforts of B-Cal to escape the clutches of British Airways looked yesterday to have run into formidable opposition from Paul Channon, the Transport Secretary. During a day of hectic activity surrounding the now revised, partial takeover from the Scandinavian SAS group, it was easy to overlook the small print of Mr Channon's statement which indicates a position that SAS will find difficult to shift. The Channon line is not based on any specific level of SAS shareholding in a newly reconstituted B-Cal, but on matters of principle.

Without doubt the most sensible solution for B-Cal's current feeble financial position would be a full merger with a much stronger partner. But the revocation of B-Cal's licences which would follow makes the foreign option a non-runner. Hence the orginal plan for SAS to acquire 40 per cent of B-Cal as part of a sorely needed capital reconstruction.

Mr Channon would withhold consent for two main reasons. First the project would open the way for foreign governments to refuse to accept B-Cal as a British-controlled airline under the bilateral agreements currently in force. It would be against British aviation interests if the Government were then forced to designate another airline in place of B-Cal/SAS.

The real stumbling block is the ownership of SAS, half of which lies with the governments of Sweden, Norway and Denmark. It would be neither right nor conducive to fair competition in Mr Channon's view if having privatized BA earlier this year, the Government then allowed another state-owned carrier to aquire a significant degree of control over B-Cal.

Given that B-Cal would be dependent for some time on its new partners for financial support, Mr Channon is unlikely to shift his stance simply because SAS will have only 29.5 per cent of B-Cal under the revised plan. He who pays the piper will expect to call the tune.

BA's £137 million offer is far from dead. Even if B-Cal manages to find a way around the Channon barrier, it then has to persuade its shareholders that the SAS deal is better financially. Since this may involve selling part of their shares and then digging into their pockets in support of a rights issue, the attractions are by no means obvious.

Mecca buys Ladbroke holiday camps

By Joe Joseph

Mecca Leisure Group is buying Ladbroke Group's holiday centre and catering interests for £55.1 million. Mecca, which runs several night-clubs as well as Warner holiday camps, said the acquisition would double its share of the British holiday centre market, to 6 per cent.

The deal is the first big purchase by Mecca since it was bought out by its management from Grand Metropolitan and floated on the stock market last year. It complements Mecca's plan, announced in August, to spend £25 million over the next two years to create two restaurant chains.

"This move meets our aims of expanding our catering and holiday activities," Mr Michael Guthrie, chairman and chief executive of Mecca, said yesterday.

"By the end of this year, we will see our business shift from being 50 per cent dependent on social clubs, to one third dependent on social clubs, one third on our holiday business and one third on the entertainments division."

Mr Cyril Stein, the chairman and managing director of Ladbroke, said: "The sale is in keeping with our policy of disposing of businesses which are peripheral to our core activities of hotels, property, racing and DIY retailing."

News of the acquisition accompanied figures showing that Mecca's pretax profits had risen 80 per cent, to £14.9 million, in the year to September 30 on little-changed turnover of £128.7 million. Earnings per share were up 31 per cent to 13.1p. Shareholders will receive a final dividend of 2.15p, making 3.65p in all.

Mecca's acquisition will be met by £50 million cash and the balance in shares. The cash portion will be financed by a loan of up to £30 million and a two-for-seven rights issue of 21.9 million new shares at 140p.

Mecca will get Ladbroke's 17 holiday villages, mostly on the coast in Devon, Cornwall and East Anglia. These made an operating profit last year of £5 million.

It will also acquire Ladbroke's Astey's business, comprising 16 hotels, restaurants and bars in South Wales and a food concession in The Tower of London. Astey's operating profit was £600,000 last year.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Sum mistake by Bank

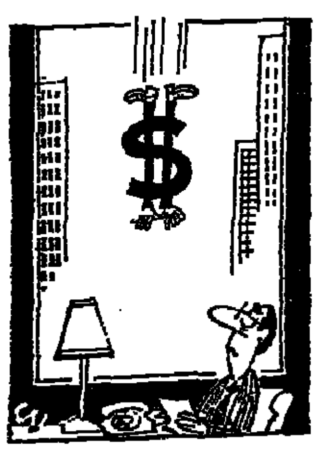
The Bank of England is having trouble with Britain's overseas assets – estimating their size that is. In the Old Lady's *Quarterly Bulletin* published last month, the Bank said Britain had net overseas assets of $186 billion, exceeding those of even the mighty Japan, which had $179 billion. Some days later, a rather embarrassed correction appeared from the Bank, giving a new figure of $162 billion for Britain, comfortably below Japan. The trouble is the Bank still hasn't got it right. According to our own calculations the correct figure should be $170 billion.

True story of family fortunes

If grandfather Abraham Coppel were alive, he would be a very proud man. A Russian immigrant who ran a furniture retailing business in Belfast, he brought his five children up with the motto: "If you always tell the truth, you won't have to remember the lies." And it seems to have paid dividends. Of his 11 grandsons, five became chartered accountants, with more than their fair share of the Midas touch when it came to business. Michael Coppel is the chief executive of USM-quoted Airsprung Group, the bedding and furniture company which unveiled record results this week, and his brother Ronald is the executive director of the Australian Stock Exchange. Their cousins Laurence, Edwin and Andrew Coppel are, respectively, managing director of merchant bank Singer & Friedlander, managing director of USM-quoted Hampton Properties and finance director of jewellery chain Ratners. "I can remember my grandfather well," says Michael. "He taught both us and our fathers that integrity was more important than anything else, and having that instilled in us has certainly helped." But where now, I wonder, for the great-grandsons?

Bubbly bonus

Analysts who fear the depressing prospect of their Christmas bonuses biting the dust because of the stock market collapse were offered something of a consolation prize yesterday. Unglamorous old RHP Group is selling the backbone of its business, its bearings operation, and has decided, as a result, that it ought to change its name. The company's chief executive, Roger Pinnington, who gave the news to the City yesterday, is offering a case of vintage champagne to any analyst who comes up with a suitable alternative name for the group. All suggestions, please, to the company.



No confidence

Ronald Reagan is reportedly not at all pleased by the rather lukewarm response by his Wall Street buddies to his proposals for reducing America's budget deficit . . . bringing back memories of Jimmy Carter, who during his time in the White House tried to tackle a similar problem. To counter disenchantment with his handling of the economy, he called a select handful of leading investment figures into the Oval Office for a pep talk. After a glowing account of how, in the long run, his policies would be bullish for Wall Street, Carter apparently ended with the words: "If I were not President of the United States, I would be putting every cent I owned into the market." During the ensuing uneasy silence, a voice was heard to mutter: "If you were not President of the United States, *I* would be putting every cent *I* owned into the market." *Plus ca change . . .*

A big step for Ward

Directors of public companies often complain bitterly that their critics in the Square Mile have no practical experience of running companies. But they will no longer be able to say that of SG Warburg director Michael Ward, who this week became executive chairman of Dublin-quoted shell Edenderry Group. Ward, aged 39, who had in any case run his own property development business alongside his merchant banking career – which spanned Morgan Grenfell and Samuel Montagu before he arrived at Warburg seven months ago – has sunk £600,000 of his own money into Edenderry in return for a 16 per cent stake. He is one of a consortium of investors who have taken over the Irish shoe manufacturer and distributor, with one of the other investors being its managing director, Jeremy Howarth, erstwhile Ladbroke Group treasurer. "I will be staying at Warburg in a non-executive capacity," says Ward, "and I may well return to the City at some stage, but for the time being Edenderry will be my full-time job." The company will expand into commercial and leisure-linked property such as hotels and pubs, and several acquisitions are already on the way.

● Many US investors seem unruffled by the crash, according to a new poll. Sixty-five per cent reckoned their financial status had stayed the same and only 28 per cent complained of a setback. Four per cent think they're better off.

Carol Leonard

TATE + LYLE

Extracts from the Chairman's Statement

NEIL SHAW
Chairman & Chief Executive

"Earnings per share were up from 57.3p to 75.6p, a substantial 32% increase."

"The foundation of the Group's overall improvement was profit recovery in the UK sugar refining businesses supported by solid performances in molasses and speciality feeds, malting and bulk liquid storage. In North America, profits increased 22% from US$54 million to US$66 million."

"1988 will be a very important year for sucralose. We have already made a commitment to significant investment in manufacturing facilities to produce stocks in advance of commercial launch."

"Tate & Lyle's involvement in North America is not driven by short term objectives but is a long term commitment to two of the world's richest countries."

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	1987	1986
Turnover	£1,701m	£1,645m
Profit before tax	£92.0m	£81.5m
Profit after tax attributable to shareholders*	£52.7m	£39.7m
Extraordinary profit (loss)	£17.2m	(£12.9m)
Earnings per share	75.6p	57.3p
Dividends per share	26.0p	23.0p
Dividend cover	2.9 times	2.5 times

*Before extraordinary profit (loss)

Preliminary announcement of results for the period ended 26th September 1987

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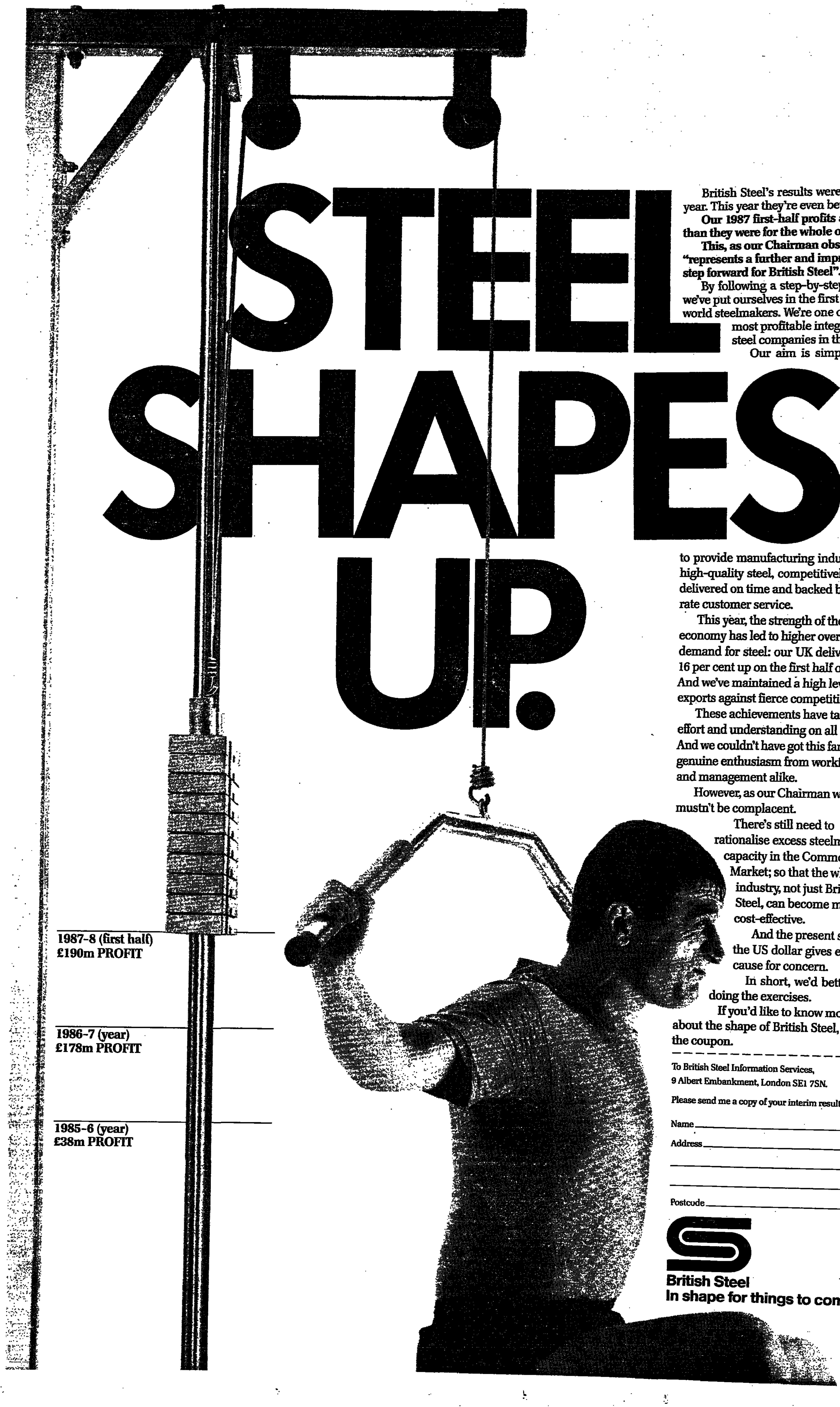

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These achievements have taken effort and understanding on all sides. And we couldn't have got this far without genuine enthusiasm from workforce and management alike.

However, as our Chairman warns, we mustn't be complacent.

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Brussels – 1992 and all that (III)

Wooing the multinationals

Lord Young this week stressed the trading benefits of a united Europe. Continuing his series, John Raven assesses the position of big business

Multinational company chairmen must figure largely among the "rather less than a dozen" notables that Lord Young has *earmarked for initial consultation* in his "Back 1992" campaign.

What sort of business constituency do these caliphs of the corporate culture represent? What guidance are they likely to offer the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry?

They start from a position of confused national identity. What is a "British" multinational? One can point to ICI and BP, but even such giants as Unilever and Shell are only 50 per cent true blue.

All the same, Ford and IBM are hardly alien or un-British. Profits may siphon off to the United States, and policy directives may come down the *nightline* from Detroit and Westchester County, but direct and indirect employment *stays here, and the Treasury* obtains many useful pounds of taxation flesh.

To such companies, British-based or not, the Internal Market is at once a promised land *and a half-way house. For* ICI, with more than half its chemical turnover outside continental Europe and Britain, full EEC liberalization is still only one – admittedly important – element in a global marketing strategy.

Conversely, even the mighty IBM has to take full account of the effects of opening up a Community where it employs 100,000 people and collects half its net earnings. Against these perspectives, most of the advice likely to be given Lord Young is fairly predictable.

Multinationals long to see the end of physical internal frontiers, and the even more costly hidden barriers of national technical standards.

In some *cynical* respects, abolishing these might seem to be no great multinational deal. By building up *major* "naturalized" plants in most member states, operating complex, *versatile* computer systems, and concocting "special position" arrangements with customs and other fiscal authorities, multinationals now move their goods about within the EEC with very much more ease than do their smaller-scale uninational rivals. Freedom for all, 1992-style, could blunt this competitive edge.

But multinationals are not isolated monsters. Their purchases and sales focus and fertilize sizeable industrial and service communities of smaller enterprises. Their own well-being hangs on the health *of their trading environment.*

They too, bark their business shins on those physical and technical frontiers. Apart from cramping physical distribution style, national *compartmentalization* boosts stock levels. Philips calculates that 30 per cent of its capital is *tied up in stocks, and claims* that EEC-wide standards and open borders could free a handy chunk of this to *irrigate* research and job-creation.

So multinational chairmen *will be assuring Lord Young* of their complete support for the

Lord Young: may find company chairmen to be "valuable allies and forceful counsellors"

1992 programme. But the real point of the Community – for, at any rate, EEC-based multinationals – lies in what happens when that longed-for internal market-day finally comes round.

The Rome Treaty shows that the founding fathers saw this only as a necessary stage in a much longer process – to promote throughout the Community "a harmonious development of economic activities, a continuous expansion in *stability* [and] *an* accelerated raising of the standard of living."

Multinationals, too, see 1992 as a beginning, not an end. They lust to wrap the strength of a market of *320* million people around them, as they go forth to clout the *vigorous Yankee and outwit* the ingenious Japanese.

They know, for example, that those 320 million Europeans buy 30 per cent of the world output of information technology, but sell only 10 per cent. They agree with Commissioner Lord Cockfield that setting this and other imbalances to rights will call for an opening-up of *public* procurement, intensification of joint research programmes *and rationalization of national* fiscal policies, coupled with better management of international money markets by development of the EMS and a much more dynamic EEC external trade policy.

They will lobby Lord Young for some gentle massaging of *the Community's competition* rules. Commissioner Sutherland is not above slapping *multi-million pound* fines on such nice fellows as ICI just for taking price-fixing walks in the EEC park with fellow chemical producers. Yet, at the same time, President Delors never tires of exhorting European companies to join *together* and clobber their competitors.

Such dichotomies are commonplace in politics, but in the real world, where multinational chairmen have to thrive, they *signal* urgent need for a progressive review of the Commission's policing *activities, as the 1992* programme unfolds.

Activities which would be unacceptably monopolistic in a single country should become more tolerable as EEC *space for multinational* manoeuvres increases. The Internal Market should permit, as well as *stimulate, research*, production and trading units *large enough for worldwide* competition.

In any event, the Commis*sion needs to give these companies* a clear steer, at all stages of liberalization, be*tween accepted definitions* of conspiracy and co-operation.

Multinationals may well think that some of the Commission's repressive talents could be usefully directed to keeping a keener eye on anti-dumping rules.

How will the multinationals plough their own 1992 furrow? Any business organization bending to that task has to meet a number of interacting needs. It must identify and interpret relevant developments in Community legislation and key European Court decisions. It must influence EEC negotiations, not only to defend itself, but also to improve proposals.

The multinationals are well placed on all counts. *They* can afford legal specialists to monitor, check and interpret Community legislation. They can sniff out new openings by linking this information to Community-wide marketing networks.

They enjoy political pole *position and take the inside* influential bend, not only with their own home governments, but also with those of other EEC countries.

Most multinationals have *their own man in Brussels* with a nice taste in claret and correspondingly congenial contacts with key characters in all the Community institutions.

So, as he publicises *1992*, and negotiates his way towards it, in Brussels and other *foreign* parts, *Lord Young* could find our multinational monarchs to be valuable allies, as well as *forceful* counsellors.

Holmes à Court stake sale under scrutiny

From Richard Battley, Sydney

Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Aus$125 million (£48.26 million) sale yesterday of his remaining stake in Pioneer Concrete Services is being investigated by the National Companies and Securities Commission.

A spokesman for the NCSC, Australia's corporate watchdog, said yesterday that Pioneer, which purchased 38.8 million shares from Neoma Proprietary, would have to answer "several questions" today in the interest of an informed market.

Neoma is a subsidiary of Bell Group, Mr Holmes à Court's flagship. The Companies Code prohibits companies from buying or funding the purchase of its own shares. It may, however, buy another company which owns its stock, if it sells that stock within 12 months.

Political pressure is growing here to enable companies to trade in their own shares and analysts believe the laws will be changed to allow this shortly.

Sir Tristan Antico, the Pioneer chairman, yesterday was adamant that everything his company had done was "above board."

"After working with barristers and receiving legal advice, we feel it is not outside the spirit of the law," he said.

Mr Holmes à Court also sold to Pioneer the 7.2 per cent stake in Ampol held by Bell Resources. Ampol is a subsidiary of Pioneer.

Pioneer paid Aus$83 million for the holding, the same amount Bell Resources paid Mr Larry Adler's FAI Insurance for it in August.

On Wednesday, Bell Group sold another strategic parcel of Pioneer shares. It reaped Aus$218 million for 66.4 million shares but is refusing to reveal the identity of the buyer or buyers.

Analysts believe the parcel was sold to "white knights", one of whom was CSR. However, the sugar and buildings product group will neither confirm nor deny this.

Bell yesterday disclosed that it had lost Aus$76 million on its Pioneer holdings.

A spokesman added that the group did not intend to dispose of any other assets, reiterating the familiar Bell line that the funds from asset sales, totalling Aus$1.4 billion since the stock market crash, would enable it to capitalize on "opportunities."

Asked to elaborate, he said: "When the weather is fine and the time is right."

Attention now focuses on Wednesday when Mr Holmes à Court will address the Bell Group annual meeting in Perth.

Tunstall still aims for Diffusion link

By Colin Campbell

Tunstall Group, supplier of emergency communication systems such as Lifeline to the elderly, is still anxious for a merger with Sound Diffusion, the board says in its year-end statement.

However, Tunstall adds that it still has not sufficient information to be able to evaluate Sound Diffusion, in which it holds 6.9 million shares, though further details are promised with the annual report.

Tunstall yesterday turned in pretax profits of £5.84 million for the year ended September 30, compared with £4.59 million, on turnover up from £25.1 million to £29.5 million. The final dividend is raised from 1.68p to 2.25p a share, making 3.25p (2.48p) for the year.

There was a general improvement across the group, and a continuing improvement in performance is expected in the current financial year.

Tunstall will continue to invest heavily in the development of new markets and products. The board says the April purchase of Ademco *Convenience Centres for £1.7* million and the acquisition of Sunthorne Electronics have *provided new channels of* distribution and an introduction to the fire alarm market. Prospects remain "excellent", the board adds.

Tunstall says it supports recent board changes at Sound Diffusion, and will continue to pursue discussions with the company.

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Jarvis Porter rises 41% to £1.35m

Jarvis Porter Group, the labelling and packaging company, yesterday announced a 41 per cent *increase in both turnover* and profits before tax for the six months to August 31.

Turnover was £15.8 million and profits £1.35 million, compared with £11.2 million and £0.96 million respectively in the corresponding half last year. Earnings per share rose from 4.1p to 5.2p and the company recommends an increase in the interim dividend *from 1.3p to 1.4p.*

The company says trading has been "buoyant" in most areas, apart from conventional labels

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Hunter Saphir up 23% at halfway

By Alison Eadie

Hunter Saphir, the food manufacturer and distributor quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, made pretax profits of £1.9 million in the six months to September 12, a rise of nearly 23 per cent, on turnover 79 per cent higher at £87.4 million.

The interim dividend was *raised to 1.35p from 1.05p.*

Fresh produce had a very disappointing half year, the *company said, with the poor* summer reducing demand for salads and soft fruit.

Bad weather damaged summer crops, especially in the South-east of England, and *Hunter Farms'* fruit and arable farming was hurt by heavy summer rain.

Produce profits for the whole year would be depressed, the company said, but added that progress had been made in the potato operations which would benefit the second half.

The results include Emile Tissot Foods, the frozen food acquisition, from the middle of May.

Results achieved by House *of Clarks Group, the Butt*erkist popcorn company, which was acquired in October, will benefit second-half figures.

Hunter Saphir said that in view of its growth and shareholding base it was applying for a full listing on the Stock Exchange.

S&W Berisford, the sugar to commodities group, owns 20 per cent of the company.

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RECORD PROFITS

	Year ended 30th September 1987 £m	1986 £m	Change %
Profit before taxation			
Profit before exceptional item	274.2	184.5	+48.6
Exceptional provisions against loans to rescheduling countries	(77.0)	–	–
	197.2	184.5	+6.9
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders	128.2	118.2	+8.5
Earnings per 25p ordinary share			
before exceptional item	63.2p	41.6p	+51.9
after exceptional item	45.0p	41.6p	+8.2
Dividend per 25p ordinary share	12.7p	10.8p	+17.6

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Application has been made to the Council of The International Stock Exchange for each further tranche of stock to be admitted to the Official List.

Copies of the prospectuses for the Stocks listed above, dated 22nd October 1982, 19th October 1982 and 15th February 1985 respectively, may be obtained at the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA.

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Stock	*Redemption date*	*Interest payment dates*
2½ per cent Index-Linked Treasury Stock, 2003	20th May 2003	20th May 20th November
2½ per cent Index-Linked Treasury Stock, 2009	20th May 2009	20th May 20th November
2½ per cent Index-Linked Treasury Stock, 2013	16th August 2013	16th February 16th August

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The relevant Index figures for the half-yearly interest payments on the Stocks are as follows:

	Relevant Index figure	
Interest payable	*Published in*	*Relating to*
May	October of the previous year	September
November	April of the same year	March
February	July of the previous year	June
August	January of the same year	December

Each further tranche of stock will rank for a full six months' interest on the next interest payment date applicable to the relevant Stock.

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NEW YORK

Early setback despite European bank moves

Wall Street stocks continued to fall in early trading yesterday after the Bundesbank cut its discount rate, followed by several other European banks.

Brokers said the cut was already built into the market and shares followed the dollar, with both opening higher and the dollar easing off its highs.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 17.74 to 1,831.23 at one stage when the transport indicator was down 9.43 to 693.00 and the utilities average down 1.42 to 176.09.

US orders for nondurable goods were up 0.7 per cent in October to $98.08 billion after a 0.9 per cent September increase, the Commerce Department said in Washington.

Defence capital goods orders rose 8.1 per cent to $9.85 billion in October after falling 4.3 per cent in September.

Non-defence capital goods orders were up 1.3 per cent in October to $30.15 billion following a 0.7 per cent September increase.

The rise in October durables orders included a slight 0.1 per cent increase in non-electrical machinery orders to $18.83 billion after a 2.1 per cent increase.

But primary metals orders fell 3.2 per cent to $10.39 billion in October after a strong 13.5 per cent September rise.

	Dec 2	Dec 1		Dec 2	Dec 1		Dec 2	Dec 1
AMR Cp	30⅛	30½	Firestone	31⅜	31⅞	Pepsico	32⅞	31⅝
ASA	53	53¾	Fst Chicago	19⅛	19½	Pfizer	47	47
Aetna Life	45	44½	Fst Int Bncp	40⅞	41	Phelps Dod	42½	40½
Allied Signal	28¼	28½	Fst Penn C	8½	8⅞	Philip Mor	87⅜	87⅝
Allis Chlm	1⅞	1⅞	FT Wachva	32⅜	32⅞	Philip Ptrl	10⅝	10⅝
Alcoa	42⅞	43⅞	Ford Motor	74½	73	Polaroid	20⅛	20⅝
Amax Inc	18⅛	18¾	GAF Cp	40⅝	39⅞	Primerica	25⅝	25⅜
AMR Hess	23⅝	23¾	GTE Cp	36⅝	36⅛	Proct Gble	81⅛	82
Am Brands	36¼	37⅛	Gen Cp	68⅛	68⅛	Pub S E G	22⅞	22⅝
Am Cynmd	36⅛	36⅝	Gn Dynam	43⅞	43⅛	Raytheon	62⅜	62½
Am Ele Pwr	25⅞	25¼	Gen Electric	41⅝	42	Rynlds Metl	42	41⅝
Amex	22⅞	22	Gen Inst	26⅞	25⅞	Rockwell Int	16⅞	16½
Am Home	68⅝	67⅝	Gen Mills	43⅞	43⅝	Royal Dutch	103⅝	104⅜
Am Int Grp	57⅛	55⅝	Gen Motors	57⅜	58	SFE Sopac	47⅛	48⅝
Am Stand	32⅛	32⅛	Gen Pub Ut	25⅛	24⅞	Sara Lee	33⅛	32⅝
Am Telph	27⅛	27	Genesco	3⅞	3⅛	Schlumb	31⅛	30⅜
Amoco Cp	65⅛	65	Georgia Pac	31⅝	31⅝	Scott Pap	60⅞	59⅝
Armco Steel	9⅝	9¾	Gillette	28⅞	28⅞	Seagram	52⅛	52½
Asarco Inc	25⅝	26	Goodrich	31⅛	31⅛	Sears Roeb	31½	32⅝
Ashland Oil	53⅛	52⅞	Goodyear	50⅞	50⅛	Shell Trans	67⅝	69⅝
Atl Richfld	68⅛	68½	Gould Inc	11	11	Singer	53	52⅛
Avon Prod	23⅛	23	Grace Co	41½	41¼	Smith Beck	44⅝	44⅝
Bk Boston	21⅛	21⅝	Grt Atl Pac	33⅝	32⅛	Sony Cp	36½	36⅝
Bank NY	25½	25⅜	Greyhnd	24⅞	24⅝	Sth Cal Edi	31⅛	31⅝
Bankamer	7⅛	7⅝	Gruman	21⅝	21	SW Bell	34⅞	34⅝
Bnkrs Tst NY	28	28	Gulf & West	67⅞	67⅞	Squibb	60⅝	60⅝
Baxter	22⅝	21⅝	Heinz	36⅛	36	Sterl Drug	47½	45⅝
Beth Steel	13⅞	13¾	Hercules	44	43⅝	Stevens JP	25⅝	25⅝
Boeing	35⅛	35¾	Hewlett Pk	47⅝	47½	Sun Comp	49⅛	47⅞
Boise Casc	60⅛	60⅝	Honeywell	55½	55⅝	TRW Inc	42	42⅛
Borden	44⅞	43½	IC Ind	30⅛	29½	Teledyne	283½	285
Brstl Meyr	40⅛	39⅝	ITT Cp	44⅝	45⅛	Tenneco	41½	40⅞
BP	51⅞	52⅝	INCO	17⅞	17	Texaco	33	30⅝
Brunswick	11⅛	12⅜	Ing Rand Wi	30⅛	30⅝	Tex Eastn	23⅝	23⅝
Burl Inc	n.a	n.a	Inland Steel	24⅛	24⅝	Texas Inst	41⅛	41⅝
Burl Ntn	59	58¾	IBM	110½	111	Tex Util	27⅞	28⅜
CBS	150½	152	Int Paper	36⅛	35½	Textron	20⅞	20⅝
Cms Engy	13	13	Irving Bk	48⅝	49⅛	Travelers	33⅝	32⅞
CPC Int	37⅝	36½	Jhsn & Jhsn	75⅝	74⅞	USG	26⅝	27⅛
CSX Cp	25½	24⅝	K Mart	27⅝	27½	USX Cp	28⅜	28⅝
Cmpbell Sp	52⅞	52⅝	Kaisertech	9⅛	8⅞	Unilever Plc	32½	32½
Can Pacific	14⅛	14½	Kerr McGee	32½	31⅛	Un Carbide	18⅞	18⅛
Caterpillar	56⅝	55⅝	Kimbrly Clrk	51⅛	51⅝	Un Pac Cp	49⅝	49½
Centrl SW	26⅞	29⅜	Kraft	46⅞	47	Unisys Cp	29⅝	28⅜
Champion	29⅞	30	Kroger	23⅝	24½	Utd Brands	40⅝	40⅝
Chase Man	24½	24	LTV Cp	2⅝	2⅝	Utd Tech	31⅝	31⅞
Chem NY	25⅛	25⅝	Litton	69½	69	Unocal	25⅛	24⅝
Chevron	37	37	Lockheed	34⅝	34	Walter Jim	59⅞	59⅝
Chrysler	20⅛	20⅝	Lucky Str	23⅛	23½	Warn Lamb	65	65
Citicorp	18	17⅜	Man H'nver	26⅝	26⅝	Wells Far	40⅝	40½
Clark Eq	24½	24⅜	Manville	2⅝	2⅛	Westg El	44⅝	44
Coca Cola	37⅛	37	Mapco	43½	42⅞	Weyerhsr	36⅝	36⅜
Colgate	37⅝	37	Marine Mid	82½	82⅛	Whirlpool	22½	22⅝
Columb Gas	39	38⅝	Mt Marrieta	39¼	39⅛	Woolworth	31⅝	31⅝
Cmb'tn Eng	25⅝	25⅝	Masco	20⅛	20⅛	Xerox Cp	52	51
Cmwlth Ed	26⅛	26⅝	Mcdonalds	43⅛	42½	Zenith	13⅝	14⅞
Cons Edis	42⅛	42¼	McDonnell	58	58⅛			
Consol Ng	37	36⅝	Mead Cp	28⅝	28½			
Cont Data	22	22	Merck	170⅛	168⅞			
Corning Gl	46⅞	46⅝	Mnsta Mng	58⅛	56½			
Crane	19⅛	19½	Mobil	36⅝	34⅞			
Curtiss Wrt	44⅝	45	Monsanto	69⅝	70			
Data Genl	20⅞	20⅝	Morgan Jp	31⅝	30⅞			
Deere Co	32½	32⅝	Motorola	42½	41⅛			
Delta Airl	34	33⅜	NCR	63½	63½			
Detroit Ed	14	14⅜	NL Indstrs	5	5			
Digital Eq	120⅛	119⅝	Nat Distill	59	59⅛			
Disney	52⅞	52⅝	Nat Med Ent	17⅞	17⅝			
Dow Chem	76⅞	75½	Nat Semi	11⅞	11⅞			
Dressr Ind	21¼	21⅝	Norfolk Sth	23⅝	23⅞			
Dupont	79	79	NW Bancrp	37	36⅞			
Duke Pwr	43¼	43⅜	Occid Pet	24⅛	25⅛			
East Kodak	45⅞	45⅝	Ogden Cp	25⅝	24⅝			
Eaton Cp	73½	72⅝	Olin Cp	35⅜	36½			
Emerson El	29⅞	29	PPG Ind	32½	32⅝			
Emery Air	4⅞	4⅝	Pac Gas El	17⅝	17⅞			
Exxon	37⅝	36⅞	Pan Am	3⅛	3⅛			
Farah Inc	7⅛	7⅜	Penney JC	43⅛	43½			
Fedders	5⅞	5¾	Pennzoil	78⅝	75½			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnico Eag	28⅝	28⅝
Alcan Alum	32⅝	31⅜
Algoma Stl	14⅝	14⅜
Can Pacific	19½	19⅝
Cominco	12⅞	12⅝
Con Bathrst	15⅞	15⅝
Hawk S Can	20	20
Hud Bay M	18⅞	18½
Imasco	25⅜	24⅝
Imperial Oil	52½	51⅜
Int Pipe	42⅞	42
Royl Trstco	13⅜	13⅝
Seagram	68⅝	68⅝
Shelco 'A'	32⅝	32⅞
Thmsn N 'A'	25⅜	25⅜
Varity Cp	3	2⅝
WCT	15⅝	15⅜
Weston	32½	31⅝

WORLD MARKETS ROUNDUP: TOKYO

Worries over NTT price push Nikkei index down

Tokyo (Reuter) — Share prices closed lower, but well off the day's troughs, on concerns over West Germany's interest rate policy and a falling Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT) share price, brokers said.

The Nikkei share index lost 107.33 points to 22,808.16, well off a midday low of 22,685.73. On Wednesday the average climbed 82.60 points. Declines led advances four to three in turnover of 400 million shares, against 530 million on Wednesday.

Brokers said speculation that the Bundesbank would not cut its discount rate later in the day depressed sentiment in the market. NTT lost Y30,000 (£124.56) to Y2.47 million, sparking fears over margin calls.

Airlines, insurance, securities house, gas and pharmaceutical stocks lost most. Export-related electronics manufacturers fell as the dollar slipped slightly.

"If NTT falls much further the margin calls will really start to go out. It is a major worry in the market, especially as the listing of JAL (Japan Airlines) is coming up," one analyst said.

The government is scheduled to sell its remaining 48.2 million shares of Japan Airlines from December 15-17. JAL shares lost Y600 to Y16,500. Some brokers worried that JAL's sale will not go as well as the November listing of 1.95 million NTT shares.

The government's NTT shares were sold at Y2.55 million each. But yesterday, as NTT's price reached its lowest level since that listing, individual investors sold, brokers said. "It is a drag on the market," said a broker at Sanyo Securities.

Another depressant was Wednesday's comment by Mr Satoshi Sumita, governor of the Bank of Japan, that the country had no plan to cut its discount rate, brokers said.

Institutional investors were largely sidelined. "The institutions are not going to come back in until there is good news," about wider economic issues, said Mr Craig Chudler, strategist at Smith New Court, Far East in Tokyo.

Some speculative buying centred on fisheries and retail shares, which tend to be more immune to currency fluctuations, brokers said. Kyokuyo, the fishery company, climbed Y60 to Y650.

The first section index lost 9.57 points to 1,848.02 after climbing 5.73 on Wednesday. The second section index lost 0.71 to 2,378.61 after rising 24.04 on Wednesday. Turnover was 12 million shares, the same as the day before.

News that the Hitachi group's net profit rose 20 per cent in the six months to September 30 had been anticipated. Hitachi fell Y20 to Y1,150.

With little external news to affect stock prices, brokers concentrated on the market's technical make-up.

FRANKFURT

Thin trading ahead of Bundesbank rate cut

Frankfurt (Reuter) — Shares closed easier in thin trading yesterday ahead of the Bundesbank announcement on the discout rate, traders said.

They added that prices received a slight boost at the end of the session on news that the Bank of England had cut its money market dealing rate by one-half of a percentage point.

The Commerzbank 60 share index, calculated at mid-session, fell to 1,335.2 from Wednesday's 1,333.2 close.

Blue chip Siemens eased DM5 to DM381 and AEG slipped DM2.20 to DM227.10. High-tech Nixdorf lost DM1 to DM546.

Banks bucked the trend, helped by 10-month figures from Deutsche Bank which were less bad than expected, dealers said. Deutsche's share price ended at DM412, up DM2.50.

HONG KONG

Shares close lower as recovery hopes fade

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Share prices closed at their lows for the day, as investors moved funds out of stocks, amid dwindling prospects of an early market recovery, brokers said.

The Hang Seng index lost 43.40 points to 2,057.43 and the Hong Kong index was off 31.82 points to 1,348.15. Turnover was a sluggish HK$594.32 million (£42 million) although slightly better than Wednesday's HK$585.43 million.

Brokers said investors trimmed stock holdings as uncertainties over the US budget deficit, the value of the dollar and West German interest rates undermined market sentiment.

The Cheung Kong group led the decline with its flagship, Cheung Kong, losing 20 cents to HK$6.10

SYDNEY

Bears wipe out early advance

Sydney (Reuter) — The national share market closed sharply lower, pushed down by concerted selling among gold and heavily weighted stocks in late trading, brokers said.

After opening with mild gains the market became dominated by increasingly bearish sentiment, with the leaders BHP, CRA and Western Mining bearing the brunt of investor nervousness. Overall thin volumes tended to exaggerate index movements.

The All-Ordinaries index ended 21.7 points down at 1,285.5, while the gold index shed 57.2 to 2,204.7, despite a slight rise in gold bullion in local trading.

The All-Industrials indicator lost 18.3 points to 1,956.8 and the All-Resources 23 to 767.8.

National turnover was 161.24 million shares worth Aus$368.56 million (£142 million), which included Wednesday's after-trading sale of 66.45 million Pioneer Concrete shares. Declines led rises by around three to two.

Brokers said a combination of overseas selling of WMC stock, a fall on the Tokyo market and some residue profit-taking from last week precipitated the sharp downturn.

WMC fell 28 to 5.54, BHP lost 36, to reach this year's 6.60 low, and CRA shed 40 to 5.30.

Prospects of a cut in West German interest rates and the subsequent strengthening of the US dollar, left local investors bearish on short-term gold bullion prices.

Most gold stocks posted solid falls, with Renison easing 30 to 8.50, Poseidon 25 to 3.70 and Emperor 20 to 4.70.

The platinum miner Helix Resources went against the trend, adding 15 to 1.15, while Metana also rose 10 to 10.10.

Woolworth added 10 to 2.25 and Lend Lease 15 to 10.90, while 15 cent falls saw ANZ ease to 3.60 and Adsteam to 4.50. FAI and The News Corporation lost 20 each to 5.60 and 10.00 respectively.

Among special interest stocks, Pioneer Concrete, which announced it had agreed to buy 23.67 million Ampol shares at Aus$3.50 a share from Bell Resources, lost five to 2.75.

On the Sydney Futures Exchange, December share price index futures closed 58 points lower at 1,246.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 30	December 11	March 3	March 14

Call options were taken out on: 3/12/87 Associated British Engineering, Dares Estates, Bridon, Dee Corp., Magnet & Southerns, Howden Group, Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyon (*333)	300	38	53	60	10	18	23
	330	22	35	42	20	32	42
	360	9	22	30	47	50	57
Bass (*781)	750	57	85	115	35	48	88
	800	30	65	95	55	75	90
	850	15	47	73	95	105	115
Brit Air (*135)	120	20	25	30	7	11	14
	140	7	14	19	15	20	25
	160	4½	10	15	31	34	38
Brit Com (*300)	300	30	50	65	22	35	45
	330	12	30	40	45	53	60
	360	6	20	30	70	75	85
Brit Gas (*124)	120	13	16	22	6	10	15
	130	7	10	16	12	18	22
	140	—	7	12	—	27	30
BP (*238)	240	13	20	32	14	23	30
	260	8	15	22	30	38	43
	280	—	10	15	—	52	58
Britoil (*164)	200	4	14	22	40	48	54
	220	3	10	16	65	68	70
	240	1½	7	12	85	86	88
Cons Gold (*920)	700	240	280	300	15	27	50
	750	200	230	250	20	45	65
	800	155	190	220	40	65	90
Courtauld (*328)	300	40	55	73	9	20	33
	330	20	40	50	22	35	47
	360	8	27	37	40	53	63
	390	3	18	28	65	73	83
Com Union (*298)	280	30	40	50	12	20	32
	300	20	30	40	20	35	43
	330	8	17	27	40	55	60
C & W (*310)	260	60	72	84	5	15	15
	280	45	57	72	11	20	25
	300	28	45	60	17	28	40
	330	15	32	47	33	40	50
GEC (*158)	160	12	20	25	11	16	20
	180	3½	11	17	25	29	32
	200	1½	7	11	43	45	47
GKN (*252)	240	28	38	46	11	21	28
	260	17	26	37	20	32	37
	280	10	18	27	38	45	49
	300	6	13	21	48	59	62
Grand Met (*362)	360	38	47	62	12	27	35
	390	22	33	45	30	42	48
	420	11	22	35	47	58	63
	460	5	13	25	83	88	93
ICI (*993)	950	85	120	145	32	90	95
	1000	57	95	120	62	105	125
	1050	45	72	97	95	140	155
	1100	22	55	80	135	175	180
Jaguar (*270)	260	20	31	41	24	31	36
	300	13	23	33	37	44	48
	330	9	18	26	62	68	69
Land Sec (*415)	390	45	70	80	17	27	36
	420	27	48	60	35	42	55
	460	15	38	48	62	70	80
M & S (*162)	160	7	14	18	28	30	32
	200	3	8	14	42	42	44
	220	1	5	9	62	62	62
R-Royce (*102)	110	6	11	15	15	18	20
	120	4	7½	12	22	25	28
	130	2	5	10	30	33	35
	140	1½	4	6	40	42	44
Sainsbury (*216)	220	12	23	29	17	22	26
	240	5	15	20	30	35	38
	260	2	9	15	45	50	55
Shell (*943)	950	60	90	120	55	105	123
	1000	38	70	100	88	125	153
	1050	20	45	63	125	167	185
Storehse (*259)	220	50	58	65	6	10	15
	240	32	45	53	11	17	25
	260	20	35	42	20	30	35
	280	13	25	33	33	40	45
Trafalgar (*306)	280	35	45	55	15	22	27
	300	22	32	45	25	32	37
	330	10	25	30	45	50	55
TSB (*105)	100	12	15	20	6	8	11
	110	7	11	14	9	13	16
	120	5	8	11	20	22	23
Woolworth (*240)	260	13	30	37	30	40	58
	280	7	20	25	45	52	60
	300	3	12	18	65	70	72
	330	1	8	12	95	95	100

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad (*108)	100	14	20	26	4	8	11
	110	7	15	22	8	14	18
	120	2½	13	18	15	20	23
Barclays (*430)	420	25	50	67	10	27	42
	460	8	30	47	35	50	60
	500	3	20	30	75	85	95
Beecham (*438)	360	85	95	106	1	9	18
	390	55	72	88	3	18	27
	420	32	58	68	9	30	38
	460	7	35	50	35	48	58
Boots (*211)	220	9	25	30	17	25	32
	240	3	14	22	35	40	45
	260	1	8	16	53	55	60
BTR (*258)	240	27	38	47	5	14	20
	260	9	28	38	14	20	35
	280	3½	20	25	27	35	40
Blue Circ (*300)	300	15	38	48	12	27	33
	330	4	23	35	33	47	53
	360	—	15	23	—	68	73
Dixons (*194)	200	11	23	33	13	22	27
	220	5	18	23	30	38	40
	240	1	10	17	50	52	53

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
De Beers (*1025)	1050	40	—	—	60	—	—
	1100	15	—	—	100	—	—
	1200	5	—	—	—	—	—
Glaxo (*1024)	1000	65	125	152	25	75	115
	1050	30	95	130	60	95	135
	1100	12	70	110	107	135	160
	1150	5	60	93	165	166	195
Hanson (*125)	110	18	21	26	1½	5	9
	120	9	15	26	3½	10	13
	130	3½	11	20	8½	16½	19
	140	1½	7	16	17	21	25
Lonrho (*215)	200	24	34	42	3	15	22
	220	10	22	31	11	24	32
	240	—	13	24	—	38	48
	260	—	9	14	—	56	64
Midland (*355)	330	32	56	67	5	20	30
	360	15	40	50	17	35	50
	390	6	27	37	45	55	65
Sears (*126)	120	10	20	23	4	9	14
	130	5	13	18	8	15	19
	140	2½	9	14	19	22	26
Tesco (*159)	140	22	31	38	2	10	14
	160	—	20	25	—	20	24
	180	½	11	—	27	33	—
Thorn EMI (*539)	450	82	102	122	5	18	30
	500	50	74	90	12	32	45
	550	12	40	62	25	47	70
	600	3	22	37	65	77	95
THF (*193)	180	20	30	35	6	15	22
	200	7	18	25	16	25	32
	220	3	12	18	30	40	45
Unilever (*444)	420	40	65	78	7	25	35
	460	15	45	58	27	45	50
	500	6	30	42	60	70	80
Wellcome (*390)	330	63	83	96	2	16	23
	360	35	62	77	8	24	35
	390	17	45	63	17	38	48

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAA (*88)	90	9	16	18	13	15	19
	100	7	11	15	20	23	27
	110	5	8	12	29	30	33
Brit Aero (*305)	300	35	45	52	23	35	40
	330	22	30	38	43	55	60
	360	11	20	—	65	75	—
BAT Ind (*403)	390	48	58	68	22	35	40
	420	30	42	55	35	48	55
	460	16	25	40	60	75	80
	500	8	16	—	100	107	—
Brit Tele (*210)	220	12	19	24	24	28	32
	240	5	13	17	40	43	44
	260	3	7	—	58	60	—
Cadbury (*229)	200	38	45	50	4	11	15
	220	25	30	41	12	22	24
	240	15	23	31	24	30	34
Guinness (*268)	220	57	60	65	7	13	17
	240	40	45	50	14	20	27
	260	27	33	40	42	30	40
Ladbroke (*306)	280	40	53	60	12	23	27
	300	28	40	48	20	30	35
	330	16	27	35	33	43	48
LASMO (*263)	200	30	38	45	22	28	35
	220	23	28	35	32	38	45
	240	13	20	30	45	52	60
Pilkngtn (*191)	180	28	42	47	15	25	30
	200	18	30	40	25	35	40
	220	10	20	30	40	47	52
	240	5	12	—	57	62	—
Plessey (*135)	130	18	21	26	12	14	18
	140	10	16	24	18	22	28
	160	6	11	18	32	36	42
P & O (*478)	420	90	103	—	10	16	—
	460	60	75	98	22	27	37
	500	43	58	75	40	47	60
Prudential (*763)	750	75	95	110	50	70	90
	800	50	70	85	75	100	120
	850	30	50	—	110	130	—
Racal (*223)	200	38	48	—	12	16	—
	220	24	38	44	20	26	32
	240	16	28	32	32	38	42
RTZ (*328)	260	80	105	—	6	11	—
	280	70	90	—	12	25	—
	300	60	75	95	24	45	60
	330	42	55	70	40	60	80
Vaal Reef (*123)	100	28	35	43	5	11	15
	110	25	30	38	9	16	22
	120	17	25	33	14	22	27
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£108)	102	5⅝	—	—	⅜	—	—
	104	[illegible]	—	—	[illegible]	—	—
	106	[illegible]	—	—	[illegible]	—	—
	108	[illegible]	—	—	[illegible]	—	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£118)	114	5 1/16	5 9/16	—	1	2⅝	—
	116	3⅜	4 7/16	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
	118	[illegible]	3⅝	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
	120	[illegible]	3⅛	—	[illegible]	6⅝	—
	122	1 7/16	[illegible]	—	5	5⅝	—

FT-SE INDEX (*1600)

Series	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
1550	95	130	155	170	37	55	75	90
1600	65	103	125	145	60	77	97	110
1650	45	75	102	120	88	103	122	140
1700	38	55	82	—	120	135	155	—
1750	13	35	65	—	165	175	190	—
1800	9	28	52	—	210	210	228	—
1850	3	20	—	—	260	260	—	—
1900	3	13	—	—	310	310	—	—

December 3, 1987 Total: 27845 Calls 18180 Puts 9665 FT-SE: Calls 275 Puts 501

*Underlying security price.

APPOINTMENTS

Tate & Lyle: **Mr James Kerr Muir** has been made managing director of the UK division.

Whitbread: **Mr Miles Templeman** will be group marketing director from March 1. He will also become a non-executive director of Whitbread Trading.

Watney Mann & Truman Brewers: **Mr Gordon Channon** has been made information systems director.

The Plastics and Rubber Institute: **Mr WDT Tapley** becomes president and **Mr NH Godfrey** chairman of the council.

Kernon & Company: **Mr Raymond Wood** joins the partnership.

TIP Europe: **Mr Colin Barr** has been made marketing director for Europe.

McInerney Properties: **Mr Daniel McInerney** becomes chairman, succeeding **Mr Ambrose McInerney** who becomes deputy chairman.

Edenderry Group: **Mr Michael Ward** has been appointed executive chairman and **Mr Geoffrey Nichols** deputy chairman.

Redland: **Mr Gerald Corbett** becomes financial director from December 14.

North West Plastics: **Mr Philip Ward** has been appointed managing director.

National Telephone Systems: **Mr David W George** becomes managing director of the new company, a subsidiary of the National Telephones Group.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Brit Pet P/P	72½ +1½
Butte Mining (100p)	140 +2
Chartsearch	28 +3½
Co of Designers (100p)	106
Dolphin Packg (106p)	103 –2
Explaura	22
Fairway Ldn	75
Gaelic Res	4½
Hard Rock Cafe	130
Do 'A'	98
ISA Intl (80p)	88 –3
Knobs Knockers	78 –2
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	135 +3
Mercol Group	63
Mayne Nickless	170 –8
Power Corp	70
Record (88p)	63 –3
Rolls-Royce (170p)	99 –6
Rural Plan	85 –1
Sec Archives	148 –2
Shaftsbury (180p)	110 +5
Stanhope Props (250p)	128 –5
Sykes-Pickavant	118
Tomorrows Leisure	30 –5
Trevian Hldgs	66 –4
Tubular Exhib	19 –1
URS Intl	55 –1
USDC Inv	111
Wilshaw Secs	24 –2
Zetters Leis	129 –1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Apld Hologrphc N/P	21 +2
City & For N/P	2 –2½
RKF Gp N/P	¾

(Issue price in brackets).

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offr	Chg
485	165	Abatscot	150	180	nc
56	18	Aber Am Pet	19	22	nc
150	110	Allied Ins	124	134	nc
315	36	Amercoeur	33	38	nc
111	55	Andaman Res	62	67	nc
285	118	Broadcast	145	165	nc
192	61	Camotech	70	80	+2
103	45	Catalyst	56	60	-2
203	130	Chelsea Art	130	150	nc
110	40	Chemex Intl	38	48	-2
159	85	Comac	80	90	-2
151	50	Corton Bch	55	60	+1
228	135	Crown Eye	155	165	nc
17	14	Eglinton	13	15	nc
10	8	Do Wrnts	7	9	nc
188	65	Far E Res	103	113	+8
110	57	Gardner (J)	52	62	nc
53	19	Honorbilt	18	21	nc
73	41	Kemp (PE)	38	43	nc
181	56	Leading Lsr	67	72	+4
95	60	Lynx Tech	60	70	nc
180	88	Medirace	87	97	-3
80	15	Pub Hldgs	28	33	+2
128	82	Seacon	77	87	nc
87	35	Theme Hldgs	40	50	+2
715	132	UPL	127	137	nc
140	103	Unit Group	105	115	-2

Lloyds Bank Base Rate.

Lloyds Bank Plc has reduced its Base Rate from 9 per cent to 8.5 per cent p.a. with effect from Friday 4 December 1987.

All facilities (including regulated consumer credit agreements) with a rate of interest linked to Lloyds Bank Base Rate will be varied accordingly.

The change in Base Rate will also be applied from the same date by the United Kingdom branch of The National Bank of New Zealand Limited.

Lloyds Bank

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Lloyds Bank Plc, 71 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3BS

TSB BANK

With effect from the close of business on Thursday 3rd December 1987 and until further notice, TSB Base Rate is decreased from 9.00% p.a. to 8.50%

All facilities (including regulated consumer credit agreements) with a rate of interest linked to TSB Base Rate will be varied accordingly.

TSB Group plc,
25 Milk Street, London EC2V 8LU.

National Westminster Bank PLC

NatWest announces that with effect from and including Friday 4th December 1987 its Base Rate is decreased from 9.00% to 8.50% per annum.

All facilities (including regulated consumer credit agreements) with a rate of interest linked to NatWest Base Rate will be varied accordingly.

41 Lothbury London EC2P 2BP

Bank of Scotland Base Rate

Bank of Scotland announces that, with effect from Friday 4th December 1987 its Base Rate has been decreased from 9.00% per annum to 8.50% per annum

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The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

Base Rate

The Royal Bank of Scotland announces that with effect from close of business on 4 December 1987 its Base Rate for advances will be reduced from 9% to 8½% per annum.

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. Registered Office: 36 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB. Registered in Scotland No. 90312.

Coutts & Co

Coutts & Co. announce that their Base Rate is reduced from 9.00% to 8.50% per annum with effect from the 4th December, 1987 until further notice.

All facilities (including regulated consumer credit agreements) with a rate linked to Coutts Base Rate will be varied accordingly.

440 Strand, London, WC2R 0QS

Barclays Bank Base Rate.

Barclays Bank PLC and Barclays Bank Trust Company Limited announce that with effect from 4th December 1987 their Base Rate is decreased from 9% to 8½%

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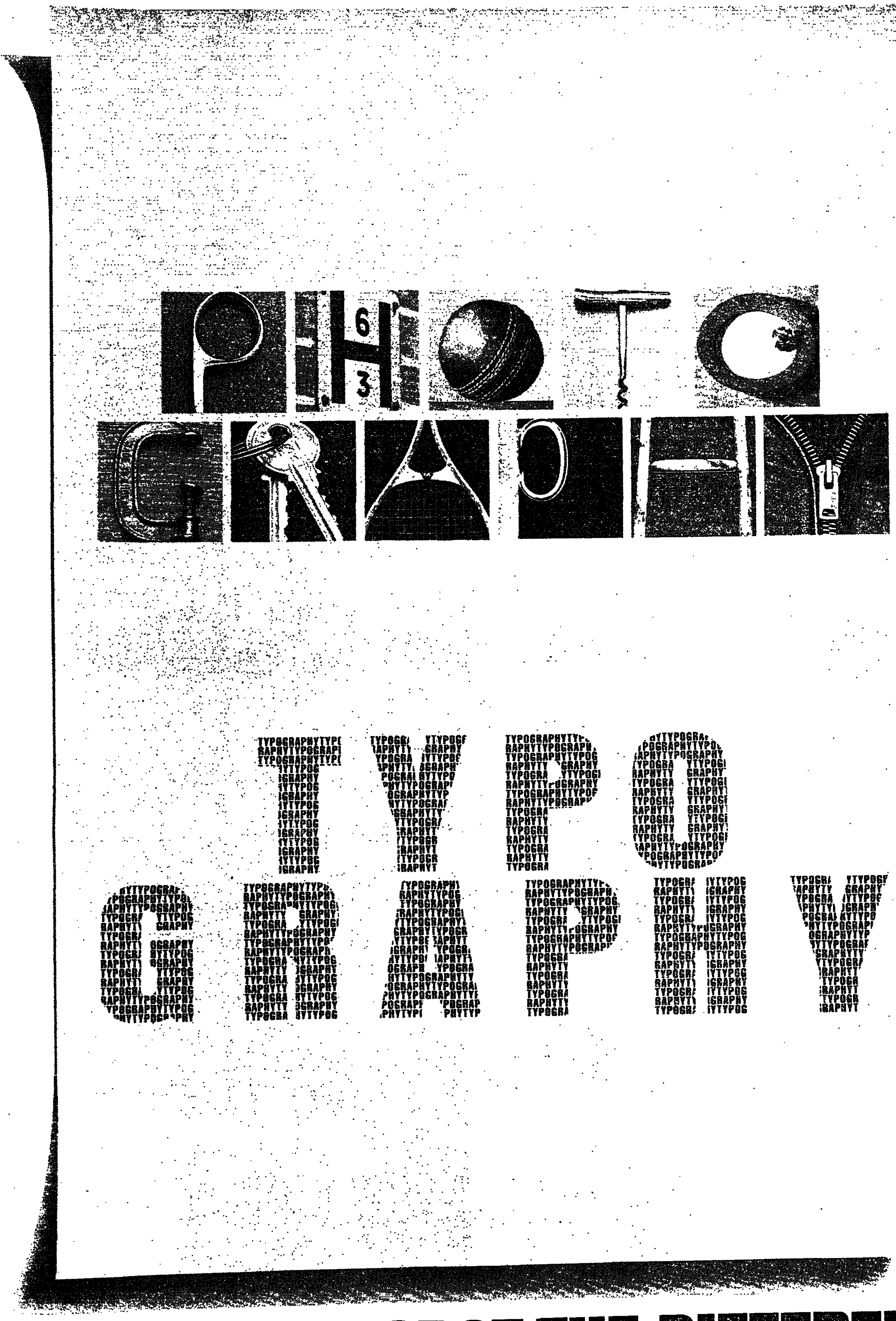

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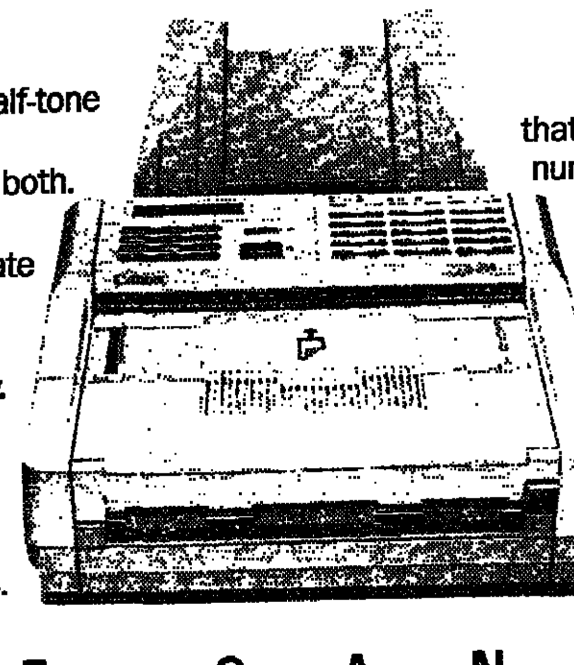

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	113.0	121.6●	+0.4	9.87
Hi Inc Equity	104.4	110.0●	-0.5	5.27
Worldwide Bd	184.6	197.7●	+0.3	4.91
American Gth	119.5	127.1	..	1.38
Asian Pacific	48.1	51.4●	-3.4	2.58
Assets & Earns	119.2	126.8●	-1.4	2.26
Capital Res	76.8	77.3	+0.2	1.31
Comm Energy	101.2	107.6	-1.4	..
Euro Capital	61.8	66.0	-0.3	1.14
General	133.0	141.4	-0.7	3.18
Japan	74.8	80.0	-0.3	
UK Gth Inc	111.3	118.3	-0.4	2.20
Do Acc	161.5	171.8	-1.4	1.40
US Emerg Co	30.4	32.5●	-0.2	0.00
Income Gth	213.0	226.5●	-0.1	3.97
Master Acc	63.3	67.3	-0.4	3.14
American Inc	37.9	40.5	..	8.47
Ethical Tst	36.3	38.6	..	3.24
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
407, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE				
01-837 6494				
Euro Gth Acc	98.2	104.6	-0.4	1.21
Exempt	322.2	344.5●	-0.6	5.52
Far Eastern	167.1	178.7	-1.7	0.10
Fin & Prop	68.4	72.5	-0.1	3.98
Hi Yield	62.7	68.4●	-0.2	5.66
Income & Gth	261.9	277.4●	+0.8	5.13
Int Earnings	157.2	168.5	-0.7	3.27
Int Growth Inc	77.3	82.3	-0.7	0.24
Japan Gth Acc	123.6	132.1	-0.4	0.20
N Amer Gth Inc	104.4	111.7	-0.2	2.71
Preference Inc	123.2	130.5●	..	9.61
Sml Co Div Inc	78.5	83.2	..	4.59
Sml Co Gth	237.5	251.6	-1.7	1.88
Spec Sits Inc	111.1	117.7●	-0.7	1.71
UK Growth	320.3	339.3●	-1.5	3.77
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL				
0793 28291 dealing:0793 610366				
High Income	262.4	278.1	-0.6	5.25
Equity Inc	151.2	160.3	-0.1	5.06
High Yield	153.2	162.4●	-0.1	5.72
Balanced	356.6	378.0●	-2.0	3.80
Amer Inc	24.7	26.3	..	4.83
World Ass Val	21.5	22.9	-0.1	1.40
Japan	117.1	124.7	-0.4	0.01
Sec of Amer	162.7	173.3●	+1.0	1.64
Asset Value	245.9	260.7●	-0.4	3.94
O'seas Earn	180.4	191.2c	-0.5	3.71
Recovery	87.7	93.0●	+0.3	2.75
UK Spec Sit	225.4	238.9	-0.3	2.86
Smr Co	147.6	156.5	-0.4	2.29
Capital	212.0	224.7	-1.4	3.45
Amer Spec Sit	49.0	52.2	+0.1	2.05
International	80.8	86.0	-0.1	1.57
Growth & Inc	131.9	139.8	-0.5	4.01
Euro Gth	17.0	18.1	-0.2	2.60
Pacific	176.7	188.2	-1.6	0.53
2nd Smr Co	184.7	195.8	+1.6	2.22
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS				
20, Chiswell Street, London EC1				
01-374 6601				
American	35.7	38.0	+0.2	2.37
Australian	16.1	17.2	-0.2	1.98
Japan & Gen	137.8	146.6	-0.1	0.03
High Income	48.4	51.5c	+0.4	5.92
International	73.6	78.3	-1.8	0.68
Income Growth	56.3	59.9	+0.5	4.97
Gilt/Fixed Int	22.1	23.6	-0.3	10.23
Global Inc	30.8	32.8	-0.5	5.82
Spec Sit	52.9	56.3	+0.6	1.58
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7				
01-534 5544				
Capital	67.8	72.1	-0.4	3.60
Euro Gth Inc	56.0	59.5	-0.2	2.20
Extra Income	81.6	86.8		5.51
General	142.6	151.7	-0.7	3.73
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.8	56.6●	..	9.71
Income Tst	346.6	368.7	-0.5	4.54
Int Income	46.4	49.3	-0.3	4.74
Smr Co Inc	33.5	35.6	-0.3	1.58
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ				
01-658 9002				
Australia	55.1	60.6●	-1.1	0.00
Eastern	53.3	58.5●	-1.6	0.00
Equity Inc	59.5	63.2●	-0.2	5.10
Europe	103.7	110.3●	-0.9	0.10
Exempt Tst	50.0	53.1		4.00
Growth & Inc	65.8	70.0	-0.1	2.20
Global Gth	52.7	56.0●	-0.3	1.00
Japan Spec	115.5	123.5	-0.1	0.10
Japan Sun	116.9	127.1	-0.4	0.00
First Europe	92.6	98.5	-1.6	0.10
First Japan	83.3	89.0	+0.2	0.60
First N Amer	33.2	35.3	-0.2	1.10
First Smr Co	70.7	75.2●	-0.3	1.50
N Amer Spec	32.1	34.1	+0.1	0.30
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Perrymount Rd. Haywards Heath				
0444 458144				
Financial	130.1	139.2	+3.1	1.63
Smr Co Acc	248.8	270.2	+0.6	1.39
Do Inc	157.3	171.0	+0.4	1.39
High Income	68.2	74.1	+1.3	5.14
Income	78.6	85.5	+1.5	5.04
Man Portfl Inc	68.9	74.9	+2.0	2.19
Do Acc	116.8	127.0	+3.5	2.19
Nth American	39.4	42.8	+0.4	0.21
Orient	75.0	81.2●	+0.1	0.10
Exempt	211.6	230.0●	+3.2	2.88
Recovery	49.3	53.6●	+1.8	0.25
German	22.3	24.1●	+0.1	1.50
Int Recov	20.8	22.6	+0.2	1.00
Europe	15.2	16.4	+0.3	2.09
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT				
01-588 2868 01 623 2348				
Emerg Inc	..	..	..	..
Fellowship Inc	52.1	55.4	+0.4	1.69
General Inc 4	214.9	228.6●	-5.6	2.65
Do Acc 4	350.5	366.6	-9.2	2.65
Income Fd 3	107.1	112.9●	..	5.60
Do Acc 3	198.0	209.7	..	5.60
Int Inc 2	91.2	96.1	..	1.79
Do Acc 2	122.1	128.1	..	1.79
Smr Inc 5	77.3	81.7	..	2.03
Do Acc	83.2	87.9	..	2.03
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB				
01-902 8876				
Growth	27.2	29.5s	+1.0	3.08
Income	35.1	38.0s	+1.2	4.31
Far East	22.2	24.0s	+0.1	0.26
Nth American	22.5	24.3s	+0.3	0.85
Global	35.4	38.3	+0.4	0.89
European	35.1	37.9	..	1.52
Japan	67.6	73.1	+1.4	0.01
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ				
01-621 0011				
Capital	335.5	357.0	-1.1	1.94
Income	305.5	325.1	+0.2	4.91
Nth Amer	191.3	203.5	-0.5	2.35
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Investment	494.9		+67.4	5.22
Fixed Int	145.75		+0.56	9.81
Deposit	100.0		..	9.55

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CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Income	371.88		-38	5.46
Acc	£11.35		-1.36	..
Deposit	100.0		..	8.23
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS				
72/73,Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP				
01-600 8822				
S/C Spec Sit	54.7	57.9	..	0.50
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0800 373393				
Amer Gth	15.9	17.0	..	1.30
Atlas Gth	19.7	21.0	-0.1	1.51
Dragon Gth	16.0	17.1	-0.8	3.26
Equity Hi Inc	48.2	51.3●	-0.1	5.31
European Gth	21.1	22.5●	-0.1	2.14
Gen Equity	40.8	43.5	-0.3	3.29
G/F Invst Gth	32.5	34.3	+0.1	7.85
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.2	26.6●	+0.1	8.85
Int Income Tst	21.1	22.5●	-0.1	6.07
Japan Gth	36.2	38.6	-1.0	0.00
Pedigree Gth	24.0	25.6	-0.5	2.67
Special Sits	29.4	31.3	-0.5	2.66
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ				
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	45.5	48.4●	-0.3	4.29
Do Acc	46.7	49.7●	-0.3	4.29
Income Inc	49.2	52.3●	+0.3	4.59
Do Acc	50.6	53.8●	-0.2	4.59
Worldwide Inc	37.8	40.4	-0.1	1.12
Do Acc	37.9	40.5	-0.1	1.12
Gamma Inc	28.0	29.8	-0.1	1.04
Do Acc	28.0	29.8	-0.1	1.04
Amer Gth	45.4	48.3	-0.1	0.98
Euro Gth	45.1	48.0	-0.2	0.70
Far East	47.9	51.0	+0.2	0.17
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
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Amer Tst	98.6	101.2	+3.4	0.99
Canadian Gth	16.8	17.9	+0.1	1.50
European Tst	81.5	88.1	+0.1	..
Growth Tst	221.1	239.0	-1.3	3.56
High Income	267.4	289.1	-0.6	5.64
Int Tech Tst	91.1	98.5	-0.4	..
Japanese Tst	170.6	184.4	-0.2	..
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL				
0737-242424				
European Gth	42.6	45.9●	-0.2	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	32.4	35.3	-0.1	1.30
International	41.2	44.4●	-0.2	3.50
N Amer Gth	33.0	35.5	-0.1	1.00
Pacific Gth	45.1	48.6●	..	4.80
UK Gth Acc	50.2	54.0	+0.3	0.50
Do Dist	49.0	52.7	+0.2	0.50
UK Income	49.2	53.0	..	4.60
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh				
031-226 3492				
American Fd	48.5	51.8●	..	1.93
Capital Fd	101.5	108.6	..	1.57
Eurofund	19.9	21.2	-0.2	2.36
Growth & Inc	144.0	153.4	-0.2	4.40
High Dist Fd	121.7	130.0●	-0.7	5.56
International	159.4	169.8	-0.6	1.33
Pacific Fd	15.8	16.7	-0.8	0.00
Resources Fd	21.3	22.7	-0.2	0.00
Smr Jap Co	33.5	35.7	..	..
Tokyo Fd	159.9	170.2	-0.4	0.00
Ex Amer 2	101.0	114.1	..	2.21
Ex Japan 3	100.9	104.0●	-0.4	0.21
Ex Pacific 4	261.8	269.8	+8.4	0.35
Ex Smr Jap 4	204.4	211.0	..	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ				
0242 221311				
UK Balan Inc	71.2	75.5●	-0.3	3.22
Do Acc	74.2	78.7●	-0.3	3.09
UK Gth Acc	101.1	107.3	-0.3	2.56
UK High Inc	80.7	85.6●	-0.1	5.12
N Amer Acc	56.7	60.5	-0.1	1.16
Far East Acc	93.7	99.9	-1.3	0.77
European Acc	63.4	67.6	-0.4	1.53
UK Gt/FI Inc	56.2	59.6●	+0.2	8.73
Do Acc	63.5	67.4●	+0.1	7.72
Int Spec Sits	33.0	35.2	-0.1	1.93
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB				
0708 66966				
Endurance	100.8	107.3	..	1.23
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
Walton Street Aylesbury. HP21 7QW				
0296 431480				
Equit Pelican	77.2	82.2	-0.4	3.68
High Income	82.0	87.3●	-0.4	5.10
Gt/Fxd Intrst	53.1	56.5	-0.1	7.52
Tst Of Inv Tsts	70.3	74.8	-0.5	1.99
Spec Sits Tst	77.3	82.3	-0.2	2.89
Nth Amer Tst	44.3	47.2	-0.1	1.89
Far East Tst	82.6	87.9	-1.2	0.46
Int Growth	42.5	45.3	-0.3	1.77
European Tst	35.9	38.2	-0.5	1.83
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD				
0203 553231				
UK Gth Acc	152.4	162.9●	-0.7	3.83
Do Inc	128.0	136.8●	-0.5	3.83
Higher Inc Acc	280.2	299.6●	-0.6	4.97
Do Inc	215.1	230.1●	-0.5	4.97
Gilt/Fixed Acc	110.5	116.3	+0.2	7.99
Do Inc	86.9	90.4	+0.2	7.99
N Amer Acc	92.3	98.7●	-0.8	0.27
Far East Acc	169.7	181.4●	-1.0	0.07
Euro Tst Acc	111.5	119.2	-1.8	0.98
Gen Tst	223.4	238.4	-1.2	3.57
Brit Excell	34.5	36.8	-0.6	3.44
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA				
01-623 4680				
US Smlr Co	43.3	46.1	-0.2	0.16
UK Inc Fd	81.3	86.5	..	4.14
Far East Fd	72.3	77.0	-1.1	0.00
Overseas Inc	54.6	58.1●	-0.4	4.56
Fxd Interest	57.5	61.2●	+0.2	9.77
Natural Res Fd	56.8	60.5	-0.8	2.77
European Inc	53.2	56.6	-0.9	3.93
Financials Fd	37.8	40.3	-0.3	3.72
Int Tech Fd	84.6	90.0	-0.4	0.14
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA				
041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	54.5	58.0	..	..
Do Inc	53.2	56.6	..	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	27.6	29.4	..	..
Do Inc	26.9	28.6	..	5.10
Inc Gth Acc	49.6	52.8●	..	..
Do Inc	44.1	46.9●	..	4.00
Serv Co Acc	57.8	61.5●	..	..
Do Inc	56.7	60.3●	..	0.30
Amer Gth Acc	17.4	18.5	..	..
Do Inc	17.4	18.5	..	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	13.5	14.4	..	1.00
Do Inc	13.5	14.4	..	1.00

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FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY				
Callfree 0800 414161				
American	80.9	86.6●	+0.1	1.17
Amer Eqty Inc	24.9	26.6●	-0.3	6.07
Amer Spec Sit	33.3	35.7	-0.3	0.61
Australia	19.9	21.2●	-0.2	2.09
European	45.1	48.3	-0.1	..
European Inc	19.6	21.0	..	4.58
Global Conv	20.7	22.1	..	5.53
Far East Inc	33.7	35.9●	+0.1	3.65
Gt/Fxd Interest	30.3	●	-0.1	9.48
Growth & Inc	96.7	103.5c	+0.8	4.59
Japan Spec Sit	54.9	58.8	+1.3	..
Japan	134.7	143.7	+1.4	..
Man Interest	105.0	111.8	+0.5	0.56
Max Inc Eqty	88.4	94.6●	+0.8	5.19
Famous Name	33.8	36.2	+0.3	2.85
SE Asia	27.2	29.0	-0.2	0.55
Spec Sit	211.1	225.8	+0.4	0.79
Eastern Opps	19.1	20.4	+0.2	..
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ				
01-628 5181				
Amer/Gen Inc	129.8	137.3	-0.9	..
Do Acc	132.6	140.3	-0.8	..
Amer Turn Inc	138.9	146.9	-0.9	1.03
Do Acc	144.0	152.3	-1.0	1.03
Capital Inc	228.7	242.0	-1.2	2.43
Do Acc	281.9	298.3	-1.5	2.43
Conv/Gilt Inc	94.7	100.2	..	4.65
Do Acc	130.8	138.4	..	4.65
European Inc	48.0	50.7	-0.6	0.66
Do Acc	48.1	50.8	-0.7	0.66
Extra Inc Inc	202.2	213.9	-0.5	4.87
Do Acc	225.1	238.2	-0.6	4.87
Financial Acc	36.6	38.7●	-0.3	0.93
Do Inc	36.4	38.5●	-0.4	0.93
Income Tst	133.5	141.2●	-0.4	4.49
Do Acc	147.1	155.6●	-0.4	4.49
Int Growth Inc	114.4	121.0●	-0.7	..
Do Acc	127.1	134.4●	-0.8	..
Japan/Gen Inc	91.1	96.4	-0.9	..
Do Acc	92.0	97.3	-1.0	..
Monthly Inc Fd	102.2	108.1●	..	4.40
PEP 87	49.9	52.8	-0.2	2.67
Recovery	136.2	144.1	-0.3	1.49
Do Acc	148.9	157.5	-0.3	1.49
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH				
Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411622				
Equity Dist	195.4	207.4●	+2.5	3.01
Do Acc	338.1	356.7●	+4.2	3.01
Euro Gth Dist	45.8	48.8	-0.1	1.03
Do Acc	45.8	48.6	-0.1	1.03
Fxd Interest Di	115.8	123.1●	-0.2	10.07
Do Acc	148.4	155.7●	-0.3	10.07
Int Gth Dist	46.3	49.2	-0.4	1.52
Do Acc	46.3	49.2	-0.4	1.52
Nth Amer Dist	95.2	101.1	-1.1	2.54
Do Acc	95.8	101.8	-1.1	2.54
Pac Basin Dist	145.9	155.0	-1.8	0.24
Do Acc	148.0	157.2	+0.2	0.24
Steward Dist	193.5	205.4●	+1.6	1.44
Do Acc	202.8	215.2●	+1.6	1.44
Steward Inc Di	46.7	49.5	+0.3	4.04
Do Acc	46.7	49.5	+0.3	4.04
N Am Stwd Di	43.6	46.3	-0.2	2.16
Do Acc	43.6	46.3	-0.2	2.16
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ				
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Spec Sit	43.8	46.7	-0.2	0.60
UK Cap Inc	103.9	110.6	-0.6	2.90
Do Acc	151.8	161.5	-1.1	2.90
Income Fd	86.7	92.3	+0.3	6.80
International	128.5	136.8	-0.9	0.50
US & General	37.7	40.2	-0.2	1.20
Japan & Gen	232.6	247.5	-0.6	0.10
Far East Gen	106.1	112.9●	-1.1	0.20
European Fd	192.1	204.4	+0.4	0.10
Germany Fd	49.9	53.1	..	1.20
Int Inc Fd	43.7	46.5●	-0.1	5.50
Wld Spec Sit	50.2	53.5	-0.3	1.80
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ				
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806 Investor Service (Freephone) 0800 289336				
American Tst	58.2	62.5	-0.2	0.70
Australian Tst	20.0	21.5	-0.3	0.00
British Acc	60.1	64.6	..	2.25
Do Dist	51.3	55.1	-0.1	2.25
Commod Shar	58.1	62.4	-0.9	1.00
European Tst	39.5	42.5	-0.3	0.75
Extra Income	53.5	57.6●	..	4.88
Far East Tst	106.9	114.9	-3.6	0.30
Fxd Interest Fd	27.4	28.5	+0.1	8.74
Frontier Mkts	20.0	21.5	-0.5	0.30
Int Fxd Interest	24.0	25.6	..	8.47
Global Fd Acc	141.3	152.0●	-0.9	0.40
Do Dist	133.5	143.6●	-0.9	0.40
Gold Share Tst	18.7	20.2●	-0.4	0.03
Hedged Amer	27.4	29.4●	+0.1	0.50
High Income	26.9	29.0s	-0.7	5.86
Hong Kong Tst	25.2	27.0	-0.6	0.80
Income Fd	86.2	92.7	-0.3	3.26
Japan Tst	111.7	120.1	-1.2	0.00
Managed Expt	229.4	238.0	-1.3	2.67
Oil & Energy	32.9	35.4	-0.4	2.50
Spec Sit Tst	87.3	93.8	-1.8	1.47
UK Sm Co Rec	84.3	90.6	-0.6	0.30
Cheltnham UK	21.7	23.1	-0.2	1.92
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR				
01-378 7979 Dealing01-588 0525				
Int Gth	77.6	83.0	+0.7	1.29
American Gth	47.3	50.5	..	1.55
American Inc	50.3	53.7	..	6.47
European Gth	44.0	47.0s	-0.3	1.27
Gold & Mnrls	58.4	62.1	+0.1	0.55
Japan Gth	51.0	54.5s	-0.2	..
Pacific Inc	59.9	64.0	-0.8	4.52
Pacific Strat	35.6	38.0	-1.0	0.41
UK Prog Inc	60.4	64.5●	-0.3	4.84
UK Spec Opps	112.8	120.4	-1.2	0.86
Gt British	31.6	33.7	..	1.70
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN				
01-588 9903				
Gt/Fxd Interest	121.2	126.0	+0.1	8.82
Gth Equity	198.2	209.8●	-0.9	2.84
Guardhill	259.8	269.2	-1.9	3.19
N American	106.2	112.4●	-0.1	1.05
Pacific	213.6	228.1	-2.2	0.00
Prop Share	284.9	301.5	-1.0	1.31
Smaller Co	230.5	244.0●	-0.5	1.49
European Tst	197.5	209.1c	-1.3	0.00
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ				
01-623 9333				
Global Gth	32.1	34.2●	-0.3	0.80
High Income	74.9	79.7	..	8.84
N Amer Tst	75.5	80.4	-0.1	0.98
Pacific Gth	30.5	32.5●	-0.3	0.50
Recovery	249.0	264.9●	-1.6	2.95
St Vincent Inc	94.6	97.1	+0.3	5.51
St Vinc US Gth	45.2	47.1	-0.3	1.23
Temp B Sm Co	252.4	268.3	..	2.79
Euro Gth Tst	37.4	39.6	-0.3	0.80

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HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex,				
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010				
Amer Eqty Inc	46.7	49.5	-0.2	4.86
Canadian Tst	35.5	37.7●	-0.3	0.34
Equity Income	92.6	98.3●	-0.1	5.64
European Tst	71.6	76.2	-0.5	1.21
High Income	74.9	79.5	+0.1	5.89
Int Sits Tst	43.0	45.6	-1.4	1.58
Japan/F East	93.6	99.3●	-0.8	0.01
Nth Amer Tst	45.4	48.3●	-0.2	1.45
Recov & Asset	54.4	57.7	-0.2	2.15
Scandinavian	63.6	67.7	..	1.14
Smlr Co	30.3	32.2s	-0.1	1.27
UK New Gen	34.3	36.4	-0.1	1.24
HENDERSON				
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, 0277 261010				
Amer Recov	67.7	72.4●	+0.2	0.00
Amer Smlr Co	28.1	30.0	-0.2	0.00
Australian	74.6	79.8	..	2.48
Best of World	47.0	49.5	..	2.61
Cap Gth Inc	53.5	57.3	..	2.41
Do Acc	62.9	67.4	..	2.41
European	183.5	196.3●	-1.2	0.89
Euro Inc Tst	38.6	41.3	..	5.47
Euro Smlr Co	66.6	71.2	-1.8	0.17
Extra Income	188.6	201.9●	..	4.20
Financial Tst	140.9	150.8●	..	2.50
Fxd Interest	56.1	59.7●	+0.1	9.45
Gilt Tst	41.4	44.1	..	6.84
Global Health	65.5	70.1	..	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	53.0	57.0	..	4.74
Global Resrce	69.4	74.3	..	0.00
Global Tech	89.6	95.9	..	0.11
Gold	42.2	45.2	..	0.01
High Income	195.7	209.4●	..	4.47
Hong Kong	44.7	47.9	..	0.89
Inc & Gth Inc	156.3	167.0●	..	3.14
Do Acc	311.9	335.4●	..	3.14
Income Asset	107.5	115.1	..	4.09
International	127.4	136.4	..	0.34
Jap Spec Sits	173.3	185.5	..	0.00
Japan Tst	164.1	175.6	..	0.00
Nth American	92.8	99.0	+0.1	0.54
Pacific Sml Co	66.5	71.2	..	0.03
Pension Man	..	..	..	..
Pref & Gilt	57.1	61.4●	..	9.18
Recovery Tst	120.6	129.7●	..	0.79
Sing & Malay	24.5	26.3	..	0.30
Smlr Co Div	149.0	160.3●	..	3.95
Spec Sits Inc	150.8	162.0	..	1.34
Do Acc	213.4	228.5	..	1.34
Worldwide	426.4	458.4	..	2.37
Euro Expt	92.6	97.5	-0.4	2.03
Glob Tec Expt	58.4	62.8●	..	0.00
Hi Inc Exempt	138.7	146.0●	..	3.71
Japan Expt	159.1	167.5	..	0.00
N Amer Expt	67.0	70.8●	-0.3	0.55
Pacific Exmpt	144.2	151.8●	..	1.45
Sml Co Exmpt	145.8	153.5●	..	1.29
Best of Brit	31.4	33.8●	..	2.83
Spirit Of East	32.5	35.0	..	2.69
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon				
01-686 4355 01-628 8011				
British Units	52.2	55.9●	-0.2	3.84
Capital Units	94.4	101.0	-0.2	2.72
Dollar Units	142.5	152.5●	-0.8	2.13
European	101.7	108.8	-0.6	0.00
Far East	113.8	121.8	-0.9	2.31
Financial	339.9	363.6●	-1.4	2.43
GF Interest Inc	28.2	29.4●	..	8.13
Do Gth	40.0	42.5	..	8.00
High Yield	71.1	76.1●	-0.1	4.87
Income	87.6	93.7●	..	4.95
International	109.3	116.9	-0.5	2.07
Japan Tech	43.4	46.5	+0.1	0.00
Nat Resource	37.0	39.6	-0.5	1.48
Security	183.5	196.3	-0.6	2.89
Smaller Co	104.3	111.6●	+1.4	1.05
Spec Sits	100.8	107.9	+1.3	2.31
US Smlr Co	17.9	19.2	-0.2	1.30
IBI FUND MANAGERS				
36, Queen Street London EC4 1DN				
01-236 4210				
Brit & Oseas	114.4	121.1●	-0.5	1.37
Inc Plus	61.2	64.8	..	3.72
Cap Gth	59.0	62.5	..	3.48
Inv Tst Fnd	66.7	70.6●	..	1.32
KEY FUND MANAGERS				
66, High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5AJ				
0303 54779				
Equity & Gen	46.2	49.3	..	0.92
Gt/Fxd Interest	68.8	74.4	-1.1	9.45
Higher Inc	125.8	134.5	+0.2	3.55
Income	72.5	77.2c	..	4.95
International	44.8	47.5s	-0.3	0.52
KLEINWORT BARRINGTON LIMITED				
10 Fenchurch St London EC3				
01-623 8000 Dealers:01-629 0776				
Income Trusts				
Gilt Yield Inc	111.0	114.4●	+0.2	10.70
Do Acc	207.2	213.6	+0.6	10.70
Global Inc	124.3	132.2●	+0.8	6.10
Do Acc	216.2	230.0	+1.3	6.10
High Yield Inc	96.9	103.1	+0.1	5.81
Do Acc	203.7	216.4	+0.4	5.81
Capital Gth Trusts				
Am Sm Co Inc	40.3	42.9	-0.3	0.82
Do Acc	41.4	44.0	-0.4	0.82
N American Inc	38.8	41.1c	+0.5	1.75
Do Acc	45.3	48.2●	+1.0	1.75
European Inc	74.6	79.4c	-0.4	2.11
Do Acc	93.0	98.9	-0.2	2.11
Fd Of Invst Inc	21.3	22.7	+0.1	1.78
Do Acc	27.7	29.5	+0.1	1.78
General Inc	163.3	173.7	+1.3	3.37
Do Acc	227.5	242.0	+1.9	3.37
Int Recov Inc	94.3	100.3●	+0.2	1.80
Do Acc	100.9	107.3●	+0.2	1.80
Japan Inc	222.0	236.2	..	0.01
Do Acc	224.0	238.3	-0.5	0.01
Jap Spec Inc	104.9	111.6	-0.4	0.05
Do Acc	105.4	112.1	-0.3	0.05
Master Acc	125.4	133.4●	+0.3	3.65
Pacific Inc	134.1	142.7	-1.3	0.82
Do Acc	151.9	161.6	-1.6	0.82
Smlr Co Inc	90.9	96.7●	+0.2	1.58
Do Acc	109.7	116.7	+0.3	1.58
UK Eq Gth Inc	24.8	26.4	+0.2	0.37
Do Acc	41.2	43.8	+0.3	0.37
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
93, George Street, Edinburgh				
031-225 4086				
European	33.7	35.8	+0.1	1.91
Extra Income	19.9	21.2●	+0.1	7.08
Far East	16.5	17.5	-0.3	0.00
Income & Gth	50.9	54.2	-0.2	4.56
Int Gth	31.6	33.6	-0.3	1.07
Japan	46.0	48.9	-0.4	0.00
N Amer Equity	19.8	21.1●	..	0.00
UK Equity	43.9	46.7●	..	2.37
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex				
Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261010				
Equity Dist	251.6	267.7	..	2.72
Do Acc	406.8	432.8	..	2.72
Do Income	65.4	69.6	..	4.15

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European	54.3	57.8	..	1.18
Far Eastern	109.0	116.0	..	0.26
Gilt	62.1	66.9●	..	7.42
O'seas Equity	68.8	73.2●	..	1.34
Natural Res	73.6	78.5	..	1.57
N American	59.4	63.2	..	1.39
UK Spec Sits	69.5	73.9	..	1.31
International	44.0	46.8	..	4.51
Jap Tst	54.4	57.9●	..	0.01
Managed Tst	40.5	43.1●	..	1.46
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex				
0634 530269				
Balanced	178.0	189.3●	..	3.60
Do Acc	328.5	349.4●	..	3.60
Con Euro Gt	36.4	38.7●	..	0.51
Do Acc	36.7	39.0●	..	0.51
Energy Int	49.5	52.6	..	3.88
Do Acc	56.4	60.0	..	3.88
Extra Income	162.9	173.2●	..	5.84
Do Acc	310.1	329.8●	..	5.54
German Gt	48.6	51.7●	..	0.86
Do Acc	49.3	52.4●	..	0.86
Income	289.0	307.4●	..	5.07
Do Acc	597.3	635.4●	..	5.07
Int Tech	169.6	180.4●	..	1.44
Do Acc	177.7	189.0●	..	1.44
Japan Gth	80.4	85.5	..	0.01
Do Acc	80.7	85.8	..	0.01
Masterfst Inc	36.7	39.0	..	1.59
Do Acc	36.7	39.0	..	1.59
N Amer & Gen	91.4	97.2	..	1.53
Do Acc	99.2	105.5	..	1.53
Pacific Basin	119.3	126.9	..	0.66
Do Acc	124.8	132.7	..	0.66
Smr Co/Rec	245.3	260.9●	..	2.06
Do Acc	280.3	298.1●	..	2.06
UK Gth Fund	50.2	53.3	..	2.17
Do Acc	50.9	54.1	..	2.17
Worldwide Gth	161.1	171.3●	..	1.19
Do Acc	227.7	242.2●	..	1.19
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS				
0392 215347				
General	43.0	45.6●	-0.3	4.00
Income	40.4	42.9	+0.1	6.50
International	31.2	33.1	+0.1	0.40
American	26.1	27.7●	..	0.40
Japan	42.7	45.3	-0.2	..
Tst of Invest	30.5	32.4	-0.2	2.20
M & G SECURITIES				
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ				
01-626 4588 Dealing : 0245-266266				
Amer / Gen Inc	163.3	172.3	+0.7	2.23
Do Acc	192.2	202.8	+0.8	2.23
Amer Recovry	170.3	179.7●	+0.3	1.90
Do Acc	187.4	197.7●	+0.4	1.90
Am Sm Co Acc	32.7	34.5	-0.1	1.42
Australia Acc	105.2	111.0	-2.5	0.96
Commod Acc	272.2	291.2	-1.9	1.41
Compound Gth	435.8	468.3	+4.4	3.42
Conversn Gth	356.9	387.1	+1.1	3.65
Do Inc	214.3	226.1	+1.5	6.80
Dividend Inc	447.3	471.9●	+4.1	5.47
Do Acc	£13.86	14.62●	+0.12	5.47
European Acc	225.8	238.2	-1.1	1.26
Extra Yield Inc	247.8	261.2	+0.9	5.50
Do Acc	561.0	591.9	+2.1	5.50
Far East Inc	112.1	118.8	-3.1	2.57
Do Acc	138.2	146.5	-3.8	2.57
Fd Of Inv Inc	258.8	274.3●	+0.5	3.25
Do Acc	418.1	443.2	+0.7	3.25
General Inc	660.2	698.5	+6.0	4.51
Do Acc	£14.34	15.13	+0.12	4.51
Gt/Fxd Interest	61.0	64.0●	..	9.05
Do Acc	102.6	107.7●	+0.1	9.05
Gold Income	53.9	58.9	-0.5	1.23
Do Acc	58.2	61.4	-0.6	1.23
Hi Income Inc	355.9	377.3c	+1.8	5.66
Do Acc	999.4	1059.4	+4.8	5.66
Int Growth Inc	659.4	705.6	-2.8	2.19
Do Acc	£10.72	11.47	-0.04	2.19
Int Income	52.9	55.8	-0.1	5.05
Japan Acc	801.4	845.5	-5.9	0.00
Japan Sm Acc	91.9	97.0	-0.5	0.00
Mid / Gen Inc	726.9	768.9●	+7.3	4.01
Do Acc	£18.81	19.84●	+0.18	4.01
Recovery Inc	425.6	455.4	+6.7	3.65
Do Acc	582.7	602.1	+7.7	3.65
2nd Gen Inc	753.9	802.9c	+3.2	3.90
Do Acc	£15.25	16.24c	+0.06	3.90
Smlr Co Inc	826.1	881.9	+3.0	2.94
Do Acc	£13.27	14.13	+0.04	2.94
Trustee Fd Inc	481.8	510.7●	+5.3	4.63
Charibd Inc 3	111.4	●	..	10.28
Charifd Inc 2	419.5	421.7●	..	5.89
Pen Exempt 1	505.6	516.3	..	4.52
Nasdi Inc 3	40.1	●	..	9.01
Do Acc 3	551.5	●	..	9.01
MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
11 Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YR				
01-588 2777 Dealing Only:0800 010733				
UK Special Trusts				
Gth Gilt	65.2	66.2	+0.3	1.04
Smaller Co	158.3	168.9	-1.2	1.17
Spec Feats	89.7	95.7	+0.9	0.66
Do Acc	94.2	100.5	+1.0	0.65
General Fds				
UK Growth	32.6	34.8●	-0.1	1.65
Asst/Earn Di	45.7	48.7	-0.3	2.40
Do Acc	46.0	49.1	-0.2	2.38
Managed Inv	45.6	48.5	-0.4	1.02
High Income Fds				
Extra Income	63.6	67.8	-0.1	7.09
Gilt	26.6	28.0	+0.1	8.55
Income / Gth	218.7	233.3●	-1.2	4.58
Nat High Inc	205.9	219.6	-0.7	5.50
Pref Shares	19.0	20.3●	..	9.06
Sector Special Fds				
Commod	138.8	148.0●	-2.1	1.07
Financial Sec	35.2	37.5●	..	1.86
Gold	56.1	60.5●	-1.5	0.06
Do Acc	58.3	62.9●	-1.6	0.05
Int Leisure	11.7	12.5●	-0.1	0.00
Prop Shares	56.9	60.7	-0.8	1.08
Univ Energy	43.6	46.5	-0.2	1.86
World Tech	30.5	32.5	-0.1	0.31
Exempt Fds				
Exempt	93.0	97.4●	-0.9	3.87
Overseas Gth Fd				
American Gth	68.9	73.5	..	2.12
Australian Gth	36.9	39.4	-1.3	1.31
Euro Perf	61.6	65.7	-0.8	0.82
Do Acc	61.8	65.9	-0.7	0.81
Euro Smlr Co	11.2	11.9●	-0.2	0.45
Far East	47.3	50.5	-0.6	0.48
French Gth	30.8	32.9	-0.1	0.45
Hong Kong	17.0	18.1	-0.7	6.97
Int Growth	29.7	31.7●	-0.1	1.60
Int Recovery	89.6	95.8●	-0.3	0.75
Japan Perf	70.4	75.1	-0.3	0.00
Do Acc	70.4	75.1	-0.3	0.00
Japan Sm Cos	16.3	17.4	..	0.00
Sing Assean Inc	18.9	20.2	-1.0	1.27
Do Acc	18.9	20.2	-1.0	1.27
US Sml Co	40.2	42.9	-0.2	0.37
Do Acc	40.6	43.3	-0.2	0.37
Overseas Income Fds				
Int Inc/Gth	46.5	49.6●	-0.2	4.53
US Income	39.7	42.3	-0.3	5.87
Do Acc	44.4	47.4	-0.2	5.23

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NEL Trusts				
Nelstar Gth	71.4	73.2●	+0.1	8.62
Britannia Arrow (Formerly County Unit Trusts)				
Europe	54.8	58.4●	..	0.43
Extra Inc	188.6	201.1●	..	5.19
Financial	154.5	168.0	..	2.83
Global Inc	54.6	58.2●	..	5.83
GB Co	286.6	304.6	..	3.11
Income Gth	43.3	46.1●	..	4.50
Int Recovery	119.7	127.5	..	2.72
Japan Gth	189.9	202.5	..	0.00
N Amer Gth	81.3	86.7●	..	1.91
Sml Co	240.2	256.2	..	1.46
SE Asia	47.8	50.9	..	1.08
Spec Sit Acc	302.5	322.6	..	2.56
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1, Sessions House Square, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX				
0622 674751				
American	17.7	18.9	+0.1	1.32
Emerging	15.4	16.4	-0.3	1.06
General	29.5	31.4●	-0.1	2.38
International	47.4	50.4●	+2.1	1.05
Gilt Unit	25.6	26.4●	-0.3	9.84
Inc / Gth	52.2	55.5●	-0.4	4.05
European	22.6	24.0	-0.3	1.04
UK Smlr Cos	20.5	21.8	..	0.80
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33, King William St, EC4R 9AS				
01-280 2860				
Amer Gth	69.2	73.2●	..	1.85
Do Acc	73.0	77.2●	..	1.85
Amer Income	39.4	41.8●	..	6.32
Do Acc	44.0	46.5●	..	6.32
European Gth	104.7	110.7	..	2.38
Do Acc	109.5	115.8	..	2.38
General	245.7	262.4	..	3.08
Do Acc	413.1	439.4	..	3.08
Gilt / Fixed	89.2	89.5●	..	7.87
Do Acc	110.7	111.3●	..	7.87
Income	90.9	96.7●	..	5.54
Do Acc	106.0	112.7●	..	5.54
International	231.3	244.7	..	3.09
Do Acc	289.9	306.7	..	3.09
Japan	167.6	177.3	..	1.76
Do Acc	172.1	182.1	..	1.76
Recovery	222.2	238.3●	..	3.30
Do Acc	243.3	258.8●	..	3.30
Exempt Dist	241.7	247.8	..	3.83
Do Acc	384.3	394.1	..	3.83
Euro Fd Inc	59.6	63.0	..	4.67
Do Acc	62.6	66.2	..	4.67
Amer Smlr Dist	31.2	33.0●	..	0.87
Do Acc	31.5	33.3●	..	0.57
Br Blu Chip Di	37.1	39.4●	..	3.12
Do Acc	37.6	40.0●	..	3.12
Global Dist	36.2	38.3	..	0.90
Do Acc	36.2	38.3	..	0.90
High Inc Dist	41.9	44.5●	..	5.88
Do Acc	43.0	45.7●	..	5.88
Hi Interest Dist	46.4	49.1●	-6.0	9.10
Do Acc	47.6	50.3	..	9.10
Pacific Dist	31.7	33.5	..	0.20
Do Acc	31.7	33.5	..	0.20
UK Smlr Dist	41.1	43.7	..	2.29
Do Acc	41.5	44.2	..	2.29
Am Sm Co Ex	28.3	29.0●	..	0.85
Do Acc	28.7	29.4●	+0.3	0.85
MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Courtwood Hse, Silver St, Head, Sheffield S1 3RD				
0742 769842				
Capital Inc	82.8	87.6	-1.0	1.74
Do Acc	114.8	121.7	-1.3	1.74
Commod / Gen	124.0	131.9●	-0.8	2.05
Do Acc	178.6	189.5●	-1.1	2.05
Extra Hi Inc	62.9	66.7	-0.7	7.47
Do Acc	78.3	83.0	-0.7	7.47
Gilt/Fxd Inc	54.0	56.4●	+0.1	8.30
Do Acc	97.2	101.6●	+0.2	8.30
High Yield	167.8	178.0●	-1.5	5.42
Do Acc	302.3	320.7●	-3.0	5.42
Income	181.3	192.3	-2.3	3.86
Do Acc	307.4	326.1	-4.1	3.86
Int Hi St Di	40.6	43.0	-0.2	2.71
Do Acc	40.6	43.0	-0.2	2.71
Japan / Pacific	245.9	260.8	-2.9	0.13
Do Acc	258.3	274.2	-3.1	0.13
N Amer Inc	86.5	91.7●	-0.7	1.72
Do Acc	105.3	111.8●	-1.3	1.72
Euro Gth Inc	89.9	95.3●	-1.6	1.48
Do Acc	103.4	110.0●	-1.8	1.48
Managed Port	49.7	52.8	-0.3	1.75
Smlr Co Inc	133.0	141.0	-2.1	1.67
Do Acc	143.9	152.6	-2.3	1.67
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH				
041 221 5252				
American	87.6	93.5	-0.2	4.43
European	36.2	38.6s	..	2.37
Far Eastern	64.6	68.9	-1.2	1.63
Olympiad	31.6	33.7	-0.3	1.67
Olympiad Inc	30.3	32.3●	-0.4	5.71
Smlr Co	260.3	277.8●	-0.6	1.53
UK Equity Inc	58.6	62.5●	-0.3	5.70
NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH				
01-623 4200 Ext 289				
UK	199.1	211.9●	-0.5	1.70
Do Acc	331.4	352.6●	-0.8	1.70
Overseas	503.1	535.3	-0.1	1.40
Do Acc	620.4	660.0	-0.1	1.40
Far East Acc	87.7	93.3	-0.2	0.00
American Acc	48.3	51.5●	+0.4	1.80
N M SCHRODER				
Enterprise House, Portsmouth				
0705 827733				
American Acc	..	..	..	..
Australia Acc	106.5	113.9	-1.8	2.04
Conscience Inc	37.5	39.8	-0.1	2.51
Do Acc	37.5	39.8	-0.1	2.51
European Inc	85.7	91.1●	-3.7	1.59
Do Acc	88.8	94.4●	-3.8	1.59
Extra Inc Inc	62.7	66.6●	+0.1	7.18
Extra Inc Acc	70.7	75.2●	..	7.18
F East Gth Acc	59.3	63.0●	-1.3	0.00
Gilt/Fxd Inc	56.1	59.1	+0.2	8.14
Gold Fd Inc	47.7	50.7●	-0.3	1.08
Do Acc	50.7	53.9●	-0.2	1.08
Income Inc	37.7	40.1s	..	5.84
Do Acc	89.4	95.1c	..	5.84
Int Income	..	..	..	..
Do Acc	..	..	..	..
Jap Sm Co Ac	148.7	158.1	..	0.00
Sing/Mal Acc	44.6	47.4●	-2.0	1.21
Sm Co Inc Acc	28.7	30.5c	..	7.27
Spec Sits Inc	23.5	25.0s	-0.1	1.40
Do Acc	24.8	26.3s	..	1.40
Tokyo Fd Inc	51.5	54.7s	-0.2	0.00
Do Acc	52.0	55.3s	-0.1	0.00
US Sm Co Acc	30.2	32.1●	-0.5	0.00
UK Equity Inc	106.6	113.4	-0.3	3.84
Do Acc	168.6	179.3	-0.5	3.53
OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT				
66, Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE				
dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0				
Int Growth	99.1	105.5	-1.6	1.19
Income / Gth	69.8	74.4	-0.7	3.49
W'wide Rec	78.4	82.1c	-0.9	1.94
American Gth	23.4	25.2	..	..

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Japan Gth	56.3	60.5●	..	0.00
European Gth	51.1	54.8	-0.5	0.73
UK Growth	54.0	58.4●	..	1.13
Pacific Gth	42.1	45.3●	-0.4	1.06
High Income	33.9	36.3	-0.1	7.30
Practical Inc	57.9	62.2	-0.6	3.10
Do Acc	107.9	116.0	-0.9	3.10
PEARL TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
252, High Holb, WC1V 7EB				
01-405 8441				
Gth Tst Inc	85.2	90.6	-0.3	2.96
Do Acc	129.6	138.2	-0.5	2.96
Income Tst	128.3	136.5●	-0.4	4.29
Int Equity Inc	114.3	121.6	-0.7	2.11
Do Acc	116.5	123.9	-0.6	2.11
Equity Tst Inc	127.0	135.1●	-0.4	3.52
Do Acc	226.9	241.4●	-0.8	3.52
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames				
0491 576868				
Int Growth	225.1	240.3●	-1.8	2.63
Income	188.2	200.5●	-6.7	5.18
W'wide Rec	121.6	129.8	-0.7	3.05
Amer Gth	63.5	67.1	..	1.89
Int Emerg Co	60.4	64.5	-0.5	2.17
Far East Gth	72.8	77.8●	-1.1	3.02
European Gth	46.0	49.1●	-0.6	2.37
UK Growth	30.3	32.3	-1.3	2.87
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
222, Bishopsgate, London EC2				
01-247 7544/7				
International	97.3	104.4	..	0.47
High Income	66.0	70.6●	..	4.64
Conv & Gilt	107.5	115.6	..	6.35
Far Eastern	175.5	188.8	..	0.00
Nth American	83.5	89.8	..	0.00
Spec Sits	72.5	77.8●	..	1.79
Technology	91.3	98.2●	..	0.00
Extra Income	100.9	108.3	..	4.63
Euro Gth / Inc	36.9	39.7	..	3.29
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL				
478 3377 LinkLine 0800 010345				
Holb Equity	410.3	434.1●	-1.9	3.11
European	86.2	91.3●	-0.4	0.91
Holb Comms	51.7	55.0	-0.2	0.56
Holb High Inc	72.1	76.7c	-0.1	5.63
Holb Int	88.1	93.7	-0.2	0.83
Japanese	109.2	116.8	-0.4	0.05
N American	58.3	62.0●	-0.5	0.78
Holb Spec Sits	68.2	72.6	-0.2	2.01
Holb UK Gth	79.0	84.0	-0.4	2.23
Holb Premier	43.7	45.9s	+0.1	7.58
Holb Smlr Co	55.5	58.4●	-0.4	1.96
Holb Eqty Inc	55.9	59.4●	-0.1	4.33
Holb Int Sm Co	36.8	39.1	-0.2	0.06
NM ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED				
St Swithins Lane, London EC4N 8NR 01-634 2881/4				
Income	91.8	97.6●	-0.4	4.64
Japan	179.4	190.8	+0.8	..
Major UK Co	50.5	53.7●	-0.1	2.98
Smlr Australia	62.0	65.9	-0.3	1.21
American Inc	207.7	220.9	-1.0	1.41
Do Acc	229.4	244.0	-1.1	1.41
Smlr Co	161.2	171.4	-0.8	2.11
Smlr Canada	38.1	40.5	..	0.98
Smlr Euro Co	134.7	143.2●	-0.3	1.07
ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE				
0733-230000				
Equity Tst	58.7	62.4●	+0.8	2.79
Int Tst	64.5	68.6	-0.1	1.53
Gilt Tst	26.6	27.9●	..	7.95
Equity Dist	125.4	133.5●	+0.2	1.41
Do Acc	178.6	190.0●	+0.3	1.42
Hr Income Tst	91.3	97.2	+0.9	4.25
Do Acc	111.6	118.8	+1.0	4.25
US Growth	48.4	51.5	+0.2	1.11
Do Acc	49.6	52.8	+0.3	1.12
ROYAL TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
3, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1RT				
01-638 2433 Unit Dealing 01-638 2591				
Capital Gth Inc	58.7	63.1●	+0.6	1.61
Do Acc	69.0	74.1●	+0.6	1.61
Pacific Basin	114.4	123.0	+0.1	0.85
Do 5% Wthd	54.7	58.8	..	0.85
Finance/Prop	68.8	73.9	+0.5	3.47
Fixed & Conv	46.1	49.5●	-0.1	8.03
Do Acc	83.3	89.5●	-0.2	8.03
Equity Income	85.7	92.1	+0.8	4.41
Do Acc	209.7	225.4	+1.8	4.41
High Yield Inc	84.0	90.3●	..	6.39
Do Acc	238.3	256.2●	..	6.39
Int Income	64.8	69.6	..	1.56
Do Acc	66.8	71.8	..	1.56
Do 5% Wthd	57.3	61.6	..	1.56
Managed Fd	50.5	53.2	+1.7	..
Preference Inc	40.2	43.2●	..	7.20
Do Acc	140.3	151.5●	..	7.30
Smaller Co	68.1	73.2●	+1.5	1.82
Do Acc	74.4	80.0●	+1.8	1.82
Pres Canada	37.4	38.7	..	0.10
Pres Commod	40.0	41.4	-0.1	0.10
Pres Europe	88.8	92.0	+1.2	0.00
Pres Gold	50.7	52.5	+0.6	0.09
Pres HK	25.7	26.6	-1.0	0.10
Pres Japan	100.7	104.3	-0.3	0.00
Pres Si/Mal	29.1	30.1	-2.7	0.11
Prestige UK	77.5	80.3	+0.6	1.61
Prestige US	52.4	54.3	+0.2	1.58
SAVE & PROSPER				
28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB				
(Romford) 0708-766966				
Amer Inc/Gth	47.2	50.2●	-0.3	9.84
Capital Uts	93.2	99.1	-0.4	2.23
Commodity	70.1	74.5	-0.3	0.29
European Gth	82.0	87.2●	..	2.05
Financial Sec	88.7	94.3●	-0.3	2.59
Hi Return Uts	196.7	209.2	-0.6	4.37
Hi Yield Uts	169.1	179.8	-0.7	4.66
Income Uts	100.0	106.3	-0.2	6.42
Investment Tst	86.5	92.0	-0.6	3.18
Japan Gth	98.1	104.3	..	0.00
Japan Smlr Co	118.3	129.7	-0.5	0.00
Masterfund	29.7	31.5	-0.1	2.81
Scotbits	130.1	138.4	-0.2	2.53
Scotshares	169.6	180.4●	+6.2	3.99
Scotyields	161.6	171.9	-0.5	5.41
Select Int	75.2	80.0	-0.2	1.56
Smlr Co Inc	182.3	193.9		5.18
Spec Sits	102.1	108.6	-1.8	1.63
UK Equity	182.4	194.0	-1.0	2.88
US Growth	55.9	59.4	-0.1	1.98
SCIMITAR ASSET MANAGEMENT				
8 Crosby Square London EC3A 6AQ				
01-588 6993/4/5				
UK Equity Inc	27.8	29.2	+0.4	6.04
Do Acc	29.1	30.6	+0.5	
UK Cap Gt	19.7	20.7	..	0.75
Euro Tst Inc	19.1	20.3●	-0.1	0.11
Do Acc	19.2	20.4●	-0.1	..
Global Gth Inc	25.0	26.5●	+0.1	0.19
Do Acc	25.2	26.8●	+0.1	..
Man Exempt	126.8	131.1	..	..
Pacific Basin	24.4	25.9	+0.1	..

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SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh				
031 225 2211				
Nelson Tst	181.8	194.5	..	3.21
Colombus	110.3	118.0	..	1.51
Marco Polo	183.7	195.5	..	0.63
Da Vinci	203.8	218.0	..	1.72
Drake Tst	46.2	49.5		3.52
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN				
041-248 6100				
UK Equity	171.4	182.4●	-0.8	3.31
Gilt & Fixed	130.3	138.7●	-1.8	7.98
UK Sm Co Eq	174.0	185.2●	-0.7	2.54
European	151.8	161.5●	-2.4	2.45
N American	100.9	107.4●	+0.1	1.55
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MNGMNT LTD				
6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh E2				
031-556 9181				
Equity Gth	15.36	16.44s	+0.32	3.43
Int Growth	16.39	17.54s	+0.01	1.61
Global Inc	18.09	19.35●	-0.04	6.23
Mkt Leaders	15.57	16.67s	+0.12	3.53
SCOTTISH UNIT MANAGERS				
48, Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7HF				
031-226 4372				
Pacific	64.3	68.3	..	1.81
World Gth	33.0	35.1●	..	1.26
N American	23.9	25.4	-0.1	0.64
Income Fd	45.3	48.1●	-0.3	5.27
European	30.5	32.4	-0.1	2.14
N Amer Inc	20.7	22.0		4.01
UK Gth	26.6	28.3		2.55
Extra Inc	33.6	35.7●		6.44
SENTINEL FUNDS MANAGEMENT				
30, City Rd. London EC1Y 2AY				
01-638 6011				
Amer Tec/Gen	73.7	81.3	-0.3	0.00
Pacific	162.2	179.5	-5.8	0.00
Sec Income Fd	170.4	189.3●	-0.8	5.23
Spec Sits	218.0	247.8●	-3.5	2.56
Int Gth	38.4	42.3	-0.4	0.30
SIM UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Enterprise House Portsmouth				
0705 827733				
O'seas Sml Co	37.6	40.0	-0.2	0.75
Pension/Charit	594.9	632.9●	..	3.27
Recovery	836.4	888.7	+1.8	2.85
UK Sm Co Ex	84.4	89.7	-0.1	1.79
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ				
0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	22.9	24.4	+0.2	2.78
Equity Gth Acc	27.0	28.7	+0.4	3.52
Equity High Inc	26.6	28.3●	+0.1	5.28
Equity Gen Acc	27.8	29.7	+0.3	3.36
Do Income	24.4	26.0	+0.3	3.36
UK Larger Acc	179.9	195.2	+2.7	4.64
Do Acc	167.1	181.4	+2.5	4.64
Gilt Ft Inc	26.8	28.3●	..	7.40
O's Larger Acc	151.9	164.9	+1.1	1.78
N Amer Acc	19.5	20.8	+0.3	1.32
Far East Acc	34.1	36.3	+0.1	0.00
European Acc	19.5	20.8	-0.2	2.07
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh				
031-226 3271				
American Inc	162.2	173.3●	+1.5	1.40
Do Acc	184.2	196.9●	+1.7	..
Do Withd	106.0	113.3●	+1.0	..
Australian Inc	118.6	126.3	-0.1	0.53
Do Acc	121.0	129.0	-0.1	..
British Inc	691.9	743.6	-1.9	4.71
Do Acc	972.8	1045.8	-2.6	..
European Inc	205.4	218.8	-1.0	0.00
Do Acc	216.8	230.8	-1.1	..
Japan Inc	68.7	73.2	+0.9	0.20
Do Acc	69.1	73.7	+0.8	..
Saints PPP	250.8	264.0	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE				
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex				
0403 56293				
Equity Acc	398.9	422.1	+10.1	3.67
Nth Amer Acc	45.3	48.2	+1.5	2.83
Far East Acc	90.6	96.3	+2.4	0.00
Worldwide Bd	46.6	49.5●	-0.2	7.72
European	40.7	43.2●	-0.2	1.90
Equity Inc Tst	56.1	59.6●	+1.8	5.61
World Tech	34.0	36.1	+0.3	1.96
World Finan	35.0	37.2	+0.4	3.61
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview Basingstoke Hants RG21 2DZ				
Dealing no:0256 841414				
UK Income	27.4	29.1	-0.1	4.49
Do Gth	24.6	26.3	-0.1	2.22
Worldwide	17.9	19.0	..	2.00
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE				
0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4				
American Inc	86.7	92.2	+0.7	1.95
Do Acc	91.9	97.7	+0.8	1.95
Br Gth Inc	48.2	51.2	+0.5	3.25
Do Acc	49.3	52.4	+0.6	3.25
European Inc	42.8	45.5	-0.4	1.46
Do Acc	43.4	46.1	-0.6	1.46
Extra Inc Inc	127.4	135.5	-2.5	5.85
Do Acc	157.8	167.8	-2.8	5.85
General Ut Inc	155.2	165.1	+2.0	3.52
Do Acc	260.5	277.1	+3.5	3.52
Gilt & Fixed	49.1	51.7●	..	8.71
Do Acc	70.7	73.6●	..	8.71
Income	225.1	239.4●	+1.4	4.98
Do Acc	368.4	391.9●	+2.2	4.98
International	272.4	289.7●	-1.7	1.45
Do Acc	341.5	363.2●	-1.7	1.45
Pacific	160.3	170.5	-1.4	0.71
Do Acc	168.1	178.7	-1.4	0.71
Nat Resources	55.6	59.1	-2.1	1.62
Do Acc	58.2	61.9	-2.1	1.62
Selected Opps	64.1	68.1	+0.3	2.84
Do Acc	71.8	76.3	+0.4	2.84
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS				
Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks				
(0296) 394000				
Amer Eagle	48.8	51.9●	+0.2	1.59
Australian	7.6	8.1	-0.3	0.10
Commodity	76.1	80.7●	-3.2	1.11
Equity	129.8	138.3c	-0.9	3.55
Equity Exempt	96.0	102.3●	..	1.78
Equity Ex Acc	183.5	195.9●	..	1.78
Euro Spec Sit	69.0	73.2●	-1.1	1.48
Convertible	136.9	145.8●	-0.2	6.00
Financial	26.0	27.5●	+0.1	2.29
Global Inc	47.6	50.8	..	1.00
Do Acc	47.6	50.8	..	..
Gold Income	64.2	68.1●	-0.7	0.73
Do Acc	118.0	125.5●	-1.3	0.73
Income	86.1	91.5●	+0.2	4.40
Japan	100.2	106.3	-0.1	0.10
Pacific Inc	86.3	91.5●	-1.8	1.16
Do Reinvest	107.1	114.1	-1.8	1.18
Pref Share Fd	21.3	22.7●	..	8.05
UK Capital	70.4	75.1	-0.9	1.62
Special Sits	82.5	87.9	-2.1	0.71
Technology	30.7	32.7	+0.1	0.10
World Cap	126.0	134.7	-1.3	1.33
World Income	49.8	53.0●	-0.5	5.35

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
33 Cavendish Square London W1M 7HF				
01 493 7262 Dealing Line 01 493 8549				
Amer Opp Dist	34.4	36.4		1.78
Do Acc	34.6	37.2		1.78
Euro Dist	39.5	41.7●	-0.2	1.76
F East Opp Di	88.3	94.4	-0.7	0.78
Do Acc	88.4	94.5	-0.7	0.78
Gold Opp Acc	38.9	41.6	-0.1	1.14
Do Dist	38.9	41.6	-0.1	1.14
Inv Hi Yield	37.3	39.8	-0.2	5.02
Japanese Opp	45.1	49.3		1.01
Kangaroo Di	26.5	29.4	-0.4	1.59
Do Acc	26.5	28.4	-0.4	1.59
Oriental Inc	31.4	32.9	-0.2	2.72
Do Acc	31.0	33.3	-0.2	2.72
Pacific Tec Di	42.2	45.1	-0.1	0.00
Do Acc	42.2	45.1	-0.1	0.00
Tiger Dist	57.0	61.0	-1.4	0.01
Tiger Acc	57.3	61.3	-1.6	0.01
UK Opp Dist	38.1	40.9	+0.2	2.04
Do Acc	38.9	41.5	+0.1	2.04
UK Hi Yield	36.0	38.5		9.72
3i UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
31, Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands B91 3QA				
01 928-3358				
Smaller Co	52.6	55.9	-0.1	0.00
TOUCHE REMNANT				
Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT				
01-248 1250				
American Gth	30.5	33.1	-0.1	0.98
Eur Sp Sit Inc	18.2	19.7	-0.1	0.98
Do Acc	13.3	15.8	-0.1	0.38
Gen Gth	53.5	56.8	-0.5	2.20
Global Tech	39.2	41.3●	+0.1	0.13
Income Gth	62.3	67.4	-0.1	5.91
Income Wrth	47.2	50.3●		6.95
Japan Gth	45.9	49.6●	-0.2	0.25
Man Equity Inc	[illegible]	33.5	-0.1	3.05
Do Acc	22.0	23.8	-0.1	3.05
O'seas Gth	[illegible]	49.2●	-0.1	1.50
Smaller Co	71.3	77.1	-0.3	2.47
Special Opp	80.9	90.7	-0.8	2.27
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUST				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7				
01-534 5544				
Charities	145.0	154.2●	-0.5	4.59
VANGUARD TRUST				
65 Holborn Viaduct EC1A 2EU				
General Enquiries 01-236 3053 Dealing Line 01-236 2468				
Gth Inc	187.5	199.5	+0.4	2.66
Do Acc	281.3	299.1	+0.4	2.66
High Yield	235.5	250.5	-0.8	5.12
Do Acc	248.9	264.8	-0.6	5.12
Special Sits	46.9	49.5		2.50
Do Acc	47.9	50.9●		2.60
Tstee	139.4	148.3	-0.7	4.70
Do Acc	222.3	236.4	-1.2	4.70
Amer & Gen	49.8	53.0		2.20
Do Acc	50.5	53.7●		2.20
Master Portf	£60.64	62.19	-0.07	3.21
Do Acc	£63.05	63.54	-0.07	3.21
Abg Rd Act 5	152.0	[illegible]		2.52
Do Acc	155.0	164.9		2.52
F East/Gen Inc	45.7	48.6	-0.5	0.44
Do Acc	45.7	48.6	-0.5	0.44
Euro Fd Inc	33.6	35.7	-0.4	1.87
Do Acc	33.8	35.9	-0.3	1.87
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
99 Bishopsgate London EC2P 2LA				
01-374 0851				
American Tst	45.2	48.3	-0.1	1.60
Pacific Perf	95.7	101.3	-1.6	0.11
Inc Growth	58.2	61.5	+0.1	0.50
Income Tst	97.6	104.4●	-0.1	6.00
Japan Gth	145.5	156.7●	-1.9	0.10
Small Co	125.7	134.5	-0.3	1.50
Technology	28.3	30.2●	-0.3	0.10
Australia	41.2	44.0	-0.8	2.20
UK Tst	140.0	148.2●	-0.3	2.00
European Gth	37.9	40.1	+0.6	0.10
Hong Kong	19.1	20.2	-1.1	1.70
International	19.6	20.9		8.70
Sing Malay	16.2	17.2	-0.3	1.00
WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT				
13 Charlotte Square Edinburgh Scotland EH2 4DJ				
031-225 1551				
Aus Gold	27.8	29.5	-0.2	0.15
Pacific Basin	21.3	22.6●		0.20
Canadian Gth	46.7	49.6●	-0.1	0.00
[illegible]	[illegible]	102.2●	+0.1	6.90
WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS				
Hibernia Chambers 2 London Bridge London SE1 9RA				
01-403 5108				
Gth Fd	142.3	151.4●	-3.4	1.93
Income Fd	95.9	102.1●	-3.4	4.57
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey La EC2 8BT				
01-606 9085/6				
Sht Dtd Gilt Fd	75.4	75.6		0.00
US Govt Bd Fd	£52.3	52.6●		
Challenger	51.8	52.2●	+0.1	0.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD				
01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	61.1	65.0●	+0.1	4.20
Income	66.6	70.9	+0.1	3.80
Gth	83.5	74.0	-1.9	0.65
Prop Share	36.8	39.2●	-0.2	2.26

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday (2) Tuesday (3) Wednesday (4) Thursday (5) Friday (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month (26) 4th Tuesday of month (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month (32) 20th of month (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly (45) 6th of month (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
35½	0½	A & M Gp	10	12	-1	..	..	40.7
785	160	ASD	230	245	..	12.3	5.2	11.3
90	45	ATA Selection	45	55	● ..	2.2	4.4	20.7
300	115	Abbeycrest	123	133	+1	1.9	1.5	18.5
95	41	Aberdeen Stk Hse	50	55	..	1.6	3.0	..
45	45	Access Satellite	..	..	..	4.4	..	..
75	29	Acorn Comp	32	35	+1	..	..	31.8
[illegible]								
310	152	Great Southern	213	223	-2	4.8	2.2	16.1
290	180	Green (Ernest)	210	225	..	5.5	2.5	15.8
75	28	Greenwich Cable	25	30	..	..	..	..
330	160	Guernsey Atlantic	300	330	..	..	..	95.4
141	52	Guidehouse	50	60	-5	..	..	..
258	106	Halls Homes	130	150	..	3.8	2.7	21.4
131	70	Hampden Homecare	65	75	..	2.2	3.1	10.1
[illegible]								
118	38	Michael (John)	33	40	-2	..	..	15.3
388	191	Microsystems	265	275	..	3.4	1.3	19.3
67	26	Micrvitec	28	33	+1	1.7	5.5	11.5
890	160	Miller & Santhouse	370	420	..	3.2	0.8	45.4
315	125	Millward Brown	130	140	..	4.1	3.2	10.5
330	175	Miss World	210	230	..	8.9	4.0	10.9
480	108	Msys	235	275	..	2.7	1.1	29.7
[illegible]								
203	134	Scot Heritable	140	147	+1	6.0	4.2	12.3
260	145	Sec Archives	143	153	-2	..	..	..
308	123	Select App	120	130	..	3.4	2.7	17.6
49	14½	SelecTV	15	18	..	..	..	..
315	210	Share Drug Strs	215	225	-3	4.1	1.9	15.5
248	155	Sharp & Law	145	165	● ..	4.1	2.6	..
118	70	Shelton Jones	72	82	-1	6.4	8.3	13.2
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48	19	Wedgac	21	25	-1	0.5	2.1	16.3
95	41	Wentworth	38	43	..	2.4	5.9	13.3
188	98	West Yorkshire	115	125	● ..	6.2	5.2	11.3
358	165	Whatney Mackay	245	285	..	3.8	1.5	32.7
38½	8½	Willaire Syst	17½	19½	r -1	0.1	0.5	45.1
534	14	William (Rex) Hldgs	48	52	r -2	1.0	2.8	43.1
223	140	Wood John D & Co	140	150	..	3.4	2.3	15.5
210	80	Woottons Better	95	110	..	5.3	5.1	14.2
729	80	Wld of Leather	87	97	..	4.3	4.7	9.3
310	132	Wyevale	220	230	..	1.0	0.4	..
97	56	Wyko	55	58	..	3.6	6.3	14.9
..	..	ZyGy						
71	24	Yelverton	26	31	..	..	..	10.7
146	57	York Mount	54	64	● ..	2.7	4.8	15.4
173	51	Yorks Tst Gp	63	73	+1	2.0	2.9	51.1
155	51	Zygal Dynamics	70	80	-2	1.4	1.9	10.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 75.9 (day's range 75.9-76.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for December 3

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8040-1.8210	1.8040-1.8050	0.13-0.12pr	0.44-0.42pr
Montrl	2.3628-2.3935	2.3628-2.3659	0.04p-0.05d	0.13p-0.25d
Amstrdm	3.3686-3.3772	3.3707-3.3753	1¼-1⅛pr	3⅜-3⅛pr
Brussels	62.63-62.85	62.69-62.85	12-9pr	32-27pr
Copnhgn	11.5464-11.5829	11.5484-11.5709	1⅜-1⅞ds	4-4⅝ds
Dublin	1.1263-1.1289	1.1268-1.1278	5pr-2ds	4pr-9ds
Frankft	2.9936-3.0010	2.9966-3.0010	1⅛-1¼pr	4-3⅞pr
Lisbon	243.04-247.36	243.04-244.98	85-150ds	270-360ds
Madrid	202.19-203.01	202.30-202.77	84-104ds	254-301ds
Milan	2207.52-2215.40	2207.77-2214.41	2-5ds	11-18ds
Oslo	11.5753-11.6758	11.5753-11.5997	5⅞-6⅜ds	18⅝-19ds
Paris	10.1589-10.2004	10.1589-10.1791	⅜pr-¼ds	¾pr-⅜ds
Stckhlm	10.8378-10.8907	10.8378-10.8529	⅛-⅜ds	⅞-1⅛ds
Tokyo	239.68-240.89	239.80-240.20	1-⅞pr	2⅞-2⅝pr
Vienna	20.92-21.16	20.92-20.95	8⅜-7pr	23⅝-20⅞pr
Zurich	2.4484-2.4583	2.4484-2.4534	1⅜-1pr	3⅜-2⅞pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	7.4291-7.6138
Australia dollar	2.5683-2.5717
Bahrain dinar	0.6825-0.6865
Brazil cruzado*	114.775-115.412
Cyprus pound	0.8120-0.8220
Finland marka	7.3425-7.3825
Greece drachma	236.00-238.00
Hong Kong dollar	14.001-14.014
India rupee	23.45-23.65
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4990-0.5030
Malaysia dollar	4.5062-4.5124
Mexico peso	39.50-40.50
New Zealand dollar	2.7859-2.7918
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.7850-6.8250
Singapore dollar	3.6572-3.6630
S Africa rand (fin)	5.5007-5.5892
S Africa rand (com)	3.5447-3.5537
U A E dirham	6.6475-6.6875

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.6100-1.6120	Denmark	6.4025-6.4075	Italy	1222.0-1227.0
Singapore	2.0290-2.0310	W Germany	1.6588-1.6598	Belgium (Com)	34.65-34.70
Malaysia	2.5000-2.5020	Switzerland	1.3580-1.3590	Hong Kong	7.7680-7.7700
Australia	0.7013-0.7018	Netherlands	1.8685-1.8700	Portugal	135.00-135.50
Canada	1.3110-1.3120	France	5.6400-5.6450	Spain	112.10-112.30
Sweden	6.0150-6.0200	Japan	132.77-132.87	Austria	11.67-11.69
Norway	6.4225-6.4275				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 8½ Finance Hse 9½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9½ Low 8½ Week fixed: 8¹⁵⁄₁₆

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 8⁷⁄₁₆ 3 mth – 8⅜
Selling: 2 mth – 8⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth – 8¼

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 8⁹⁄₁₆-8⁵⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 8⅝-8½ 3 mth: 8¹¹⁄₃₂-8⁷⁄₃₂
6 mth 8⅜-8¼

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9¹⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 9 3 mth: 8³¹⁄₃₂
6 mth 8¾

Interbank (%). Overnight: open 9½ close 8¾
1 week: 8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆ 1 mth: 8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⅝ 3 mth: 8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⅝
6 mth: 8⅝-8½ 9 mth: 8⅝-8½ 12 mth: 8¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 8¾ 7 day: 8¾ 1 mth: 8⅝
3 mth: 8⅝ 6 mth: 8⅝ 12 mth: 8⅝

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 9⅛-8⅞ 2 mth: 9¹⁄₁₆-8¹³⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 9¹⁄₁₆-8¹³⁄₁₆
6 mth: 9¹⁄₁₆-8¹³⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 9⅛-8⅞ 12 mth: 9⅛-8⅞

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth: 8⅝-8½ 3 mth: 8⅝-8½ 6 mth: 8⅝-8½
12 mth: 8⅝-8½

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 8.10-8.05 3 mth: 7.75-7.70 6 mth: 7.80-7.75
12 mth: 8.25-8.20

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	6⅞-6⅝	8-7⅞	7¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	7⅞-7⅝
Call: 6⅞-6⅝				
Deutschemark:	2¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	3⁷⁄₁₆-3⁵⁄₁₆	3⁹⁄₁₆-3⁷⁄₁₆	3⅝-3½
Call: 3⅛-2⅞				
French Franc:	8⅞-8⅜	8⅞-8⅝	8¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	9-8⅞
Call: 8⅛-7⅞				
Swiss Franc:	1⁷⁄₁₆-1⁵⁄₁₆	3⅝-3⅜	3⅝-3⅜	3⅝-3⅜
Call: 1½-½				
Yen:	4⅛-4	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆	4⅝-4½	4⅝-4½
Call: 3⅛-2⅞				

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: November 30, 1987 . Agreed rates December 26, 1987 to January 25, 1987 . Scheme I: 10.51 per cent. Schemes II & III: 10.25 per cent. Reference rate October 31, 1987 to November 30, 1987 . Scheme IV: 9.006 per cent.

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $488.75-489.25 Close: $490.00-490.50
High: $491.75-492.25 Low: $487.25-487.75

COINS: Per coin (*Ex VAT)
Britannia: $504.00-509.00 (£279.00-282.00)
Krugerrand*: $489.00-492.00 (£271.00-273.00)
Mapleleaf (/1oz): $504.00-509.00 (£279.00-282.00)
American Eagles: $504.00-509.00 (£279.00-282.00)
New Sovereigns*: $115.25-116.25 (£63.75-64.50)
Old Sovereigns*: $115.25-116.75 (£63.75-64.75)
Platinum: $514.25 (£284.75)
Palladium: $124.50 (£68.95)
Silver: $6.99-7.01 (£3.870-3.885)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 24708		
Dec 87	91.28	91.42	91.28	91.37	4212
Mar 88	91.47	91.56	91.47	91.53	8885
Jun 88	91.39	91.40	91.32	91.36	231
Sep 88	91.21	91.27	91.17	91.19	179
Dec 88	91.01	91.04	91.00	91.00	218
Mar 89	90.78	90.84	90.78	90.80	35
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 38099		
Dec 87	92.29	92.30	92.24	92.26	1036
Mar 88	92.31	92.37	92.27	92.33	4953
Jun 88	92.10	92.10	92.03	92.07	432
Sep 88	91.76	91.77	91.71	91.73	139
Dec 88	91.46	91.46	91.42	91.44	15
Mar 89	NT	—	—	91.20	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 8242		
Dec 87	87-25	87-30	87-20	87-27	398
Mar 88	86-24	87-04	86-19	86-26	4028
Jun 88	NT	—	...	86-00	0
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 28216		
Dec 87	121-04	121-14	120-15	120-22	1039
Mar 88	121-10	121-24	120-14	120-26	24971
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 7693		
Dec 87	158.75	163.00	158.75	160.20	2009
Mar 88	163.00	165.00	162.50	163.20	476
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 725		
Dec 87	106.65	106.65	106.65	106.86	7
Mar 88	106.30	106.85	106.30	106.65	324

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

The crude market was firm yesterday led by gasoil. Prices managed to move above $18.00 on Brent as the Opec meeting on December 9th in Vienna gets ever closer. Rising prices attracted reasonable activity on all products, both on paper and physical oil.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	18.00	+35
15 day Dec	18.00	+35
15 day Jan	18.20	+25
WTI Jan	18.80	+25
WTI Feb	18.55	+15

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15		179-181	
Gasoil EEC	+1	168-169	+1
Non 1H Dec	+2	163-164	+2
Non 1H Jan	+1	162-163	+1
3.5 Fuel Oil	+1	81-82	+1
Naphta	+1	154-155	+1

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

Jan 88	Hi 1289-1276 Low	Close 1277.0	
Apr 88	Hi 1315-1303 Low	Close 1305.0	
Jul 88	Hi 1165-1158 Low	Close 1158.0	
Oct 88	Hi 1260-1255 Low	Close 1250.0	

Vol 279 lots Open interest 1473
Dry cargo index 1226.5 +13.0 on 2/12/87

GAS OIL G W Joynson

Dec	unq.
Jan	162.75-62.50
Feb	160.00-59.50
Mar	156.00-55.75
Apr	152.50-52.00
May	151.75-51.25
Jun	152.00-51.00
Jul	152.00-48.00
Aug	153.00-47.00
Vol	4761

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter

Dec	unq.
Jan	
Vol	0

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	103.50	100.00
Mar	90.00	89.00
Apr	144.00	145.10
May	159.30	159.20

Vol 402

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson

Dec 1064-062	Sep 1152-151
Mar 1094-093	Dec 1176-175
May 1113-112	Mar 1201-198
Jul 1133-132	Vol 8269

COFFEE G W Joynson

Jan 1228-226	Sep 1302-297
Mar 1254-252	Nov 1315-300
May 1268-267	Jan 1335-305
Jul 1283-282	Vol 1517

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 1733

Mar 179.8-79.6	Oct 181.0-80.8
May 179.8-79.6	Dec 183.0-82.0
Aug 180.0-79.8	Mar 187.0-86.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 266
Ja 116.40 Mr 118.35 My 120.55
Jl 123.10 Sp 103.25 Nv 106.35

BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 181
Ja 108.30 Mr 110.05 My 111.25
Sp 97.75 Nv 99.65 Ja 102.25

SOYABEAN

Feb 144.5-43.5	Oct 128.0-24.0
Apr 136.8-35.9	Dec 129.0-25.0
Jun 127.0-26.0	
Aug 128.0-24.0	

Vol 176

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volumes previous day — Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1435.0-1440.0	1268.0-1270.0	276975	Easier
Copper Stand	1330.0-1335.0	1250.0-1255.0	25	Quiet
Lead	368.50-369.00	348.00-348.50	22600	Steady
Zinc Hi Gde	472.00-473.00	476.00-477.00	26050	Steady
Silver Large†	690.00-692.00	704.00-706.00	11	Quiet
Silver Small†	690.00-692.00	704.00-706.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	901.00-903.00	892.00-893.00	167025	Easier
Aluminium Hi*	1640.0-1660.0	1440.0-1450.0	6150	Idle
Nickel	3610-3615	3582-3585	5376	Steady

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	91.5	91.3
Apr	94.0	93.8
Jun	94.5	93.8
Aug	98.0	96.0

Live Cattle Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Jan	104.0	103.0
Feb	105.0	103.0
Apr	104.0	100.8

Vol Pig-0 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on December 3

(kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	73.12	203.34	104.52
GB (+/–)	–0.28	*+6.97	+0.91
Eng/Wal (%)	+3.6	+6.4	+4.6
Eng/Wal (p)	73.05	203.35	104.53
Eng/Wal (+/–)	–0.4	+6.59	+0.91
Scotland (%)	+52.8	+13.1	+10.7
Scotland (p)	74.66	203.25	104.49
Scotland (+/–)	+2.86	+8.11	+0.91

* Estimated dead carcass weight

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

US shadow on equities

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 23. Dealings end today. §Contango day December 7. Settlement day December 14.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 22)

Portfolio —Gold—

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Granada (aa)	Industrials E-K	
2	Dalgety (aa)	Foods	
3	Oxford Instruments	Electricals	
4	Plysu	Chemicals,Plas	
5	TVS	Cinemas,TV	
6	Howard Hldgs	Building,Roads	
7	Castings	Industrials A-D	
8	HTV N/V	Cinemas,TV	
9	Lambert Howarth	Shoes,Leather	
10	LASMO (aa)	Oil & Gas	
11	BICC (aa)	Electricals	
12	Park Foods	Foods	
13	Bromsgrove Inds	Industrials A-D	
14	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
15	Kode	Electricals	
16	Friendly Hotels	Hotels,Caterers	
17	Cap & Counties	Property	
18	French (Thomas)	Industrials E-K	
19	Cable Wireless (aa)	Electricals	
20	Empire Stores	Drapery,Stores	
21	Mackay (Hugh)	Textiles	
22	Five Oaks	Property	
23	Foseco-Minsep	Chemicals,Plas	
24	Ultramar (aa)	Oil & Gas	
25	Pilkington (aa)	Industrials L-R	
26	Barratt Devs	Building,Roads	
27	STC (aa)	Electricals	
28	Lon Intl	Industrials L-R	
29	Br Aerospace (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
30	Corah	Textiles	
31	Plessey (aa)	Electricals	
32	Hong Kong Land	Property	
33	ML Hdgs	Industrials L-R	
34	Quadrant Group	Leisure	
35	Camford Eng	Industrials A-D	
36	Leeds	Textiles	
37	GRA	Leisure	
38	Thames TV	Cinemas,TV	
39	Burmah (aa)	Oil & Gas	
40	TSW	Cinemas, TV	
41	Bridon	Industrials A-D	
42	Transcontinental	Industrials S-Z	
43	Hall (M)	Industrials E-K	
44	Wolstenholme Rink	Chemicals,Plas	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
99⅞	95⅞	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	98⅝	..	7.8	8.589
102¼	94⅞	Exch 10½% 1988	100⅞	..	10.4	8.381
101⅝	95	Treas C9¾% 1988	100⅛●	..	9.7	8.451
98	92¾	Trans 3% 1978-88	97⅛●	..	3.1	6.882
101⅝	94⅞	Treas 9½% 1988	100⅝	..	9.4	8.580
105¼	95½	Treas 11½% 1989	103	..	11.2	8.601
104⅝	97½	Treas 10½% 1989	102⅝●	..	10.2	8.581
103⅛	96⅛	Exch 10% 1989	101⅞	..	9.8	8.640
108	95⅞	Exch 10¼% 1989	104⅞	..	9.8	7.702
105⅝	95	Exch 11% 1989	103⅝	..	10.6	8.641
96⅛	88⅞	Treas 5% 1986-89	95⅝	..	5.2	7.421
102¼	93⅝	Treas C9¼% 1989	101⅛	..	9.4	8.584
96⅛	88⅝	Treas 3% 1989	95½	..	3.1	6.163
111	103¼	Treas 13% 1990	107⅞	..	12.0	8.725
106½	95	Exch 11% 1990	104⅞	..	10.5	8.777
110⅝	98½	Exch 12¼% 1990	107⅛	..	11.6	8.715
92⅞	84⅛	Treas 3% 1990	91⅞	..	3.3	6.922
100	90⅛	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	98⅞	+⅛	8.3	8.583
105	94⅞	Treas 10% 1990	103	..	9.7	8.724

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

UNDATED

INDEX-LINKED

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
440	278	Provident	302	310	+4	18.5	6.0	10.6
165	58	Rea Bros	53	63	-2	2.0	3.4	11.1
216	113	Rothschild (J) Hld	150	158	●+10	8.2	5.3	8.2
448	273	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	300	305	+10	15.6	5.1	7.6
17	705	Schroders	890	950	-25	22.6	2.6	13.6
843	122	Stand Chart (aa)	430	440	-15	48.0	11.0	5.4
154	97	TSB (aa)	105	107	-1	6.5	6.1	..
10¼	680	Union	780	815	-2	63.0	7.8	9.3
576	263	Warburg SG	290	300	-5	14.4	4.9	..
188	102	Do 6% 'A'	105	110	+1	8.2	7.6	..
37⅞	21⅝	Wells Fargo	22⅛	.	-⅛	..	..	..
550	290	Wintrust	430	455	..	8.5	1.9	17.4

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	308	Allied-Lyons (aa)	330	335	..	15.6	4.7	9.9
10½	729	Bass (aa)	775	783	+2	24.1	3.1	14.4
77	35	Belhaven	36	38	..	1.0	2.7	13.3
233	124	Boddington	133	137	..	5.1	3.8	14.8
706	537	Brown (Matthew)	630	650	..	19.2b	3.0	22.3
246	131	Buckleys	160	170	-8	4.4	2.7	50.9
239	140	Bulmer (H P)	143	150	..	7.9	5.4	10.4
195	127	Burtonwood Brew	122	132	●-6	4.0	3.1	20.5
535	395	Clark (Matthew)	390	400	..	12.3	3.1	13.2
361	202	Devenish (JA)	245	253	-7	4.0	1.6	34.4
279½	150	Greenall Whitley	175	185	..	8.2	4.8	9.2
483	259	Greene King	445	452	..	8.9	2.0	23.1
380	225	Guinness (aa)	284	288	+4	12.8	4.7	9.5
785	473	Hardys & Hansons	675	685	-6	26.4	3.9	15.1
97	69	Highland Dist	77	80	●..	3.4	4.3	12.3
223	138	Invergordon Dist	148	155	..	7.5	4.9	9.9
248	145	Irish Dist	165	185	..	6.0	3.4	..
154	113	Marston Thompson	116	119	..	3.6	3.1	14.9
603	345	Morland	460	475	..	10.8	2.3	13.3
470	131	SA Breweries	270	300	● ..			
270	178	Scot & New (aa)	213	216	-2	10.9	5.1	12.0
599	466	Vaux	465	475	-1	18.6	4.0	18.6
385	251	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	272	280	●-1	12.6	4.6	11.6
400	248	Do 'B'	290	307	-1	12.6	4.2	12.6
374	210	Whitbread Inv	270	280	●+4	11.6	4.2	32.0
424	277½	Wolvrhmptn & D	300	310	+1	7.0	2.3	17.2
477	274	Young 'A'	327	347	●-3	12.3	3.6	19.6

BUILDING, ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
540	129	Abbey	150	165	..			
355	190	Aberdeen Constr	170	220	..	12.1	6.2	15.5
449	252	Amec	280	285	●-3	16.8	5.9	10.7
88½	28	Anglo Utd	35	38	-1	1.4	3.8	68.5
152	68	Arncliffe	85	105	..	3.8	4.0	22.3
402	184	Atwoods	205	212	+1	8.2	3.9	11.9
442½	218	BPB Ind (aa)	225	228	..	9.6	4.2	9.8
310	97	Baggeridge Brick	210	220	-5	2.7	1.3	29.1
94	31	Bailey (Ben) Constr	39	42	●+1	1.5	3.9	8.5
252	134	Barratt Devs	160	165	+3	12.2	7.5	10.7
327	160	Bellway	180	183	●..	11.0	6.0	8.8
305	78	Bellwinch	77	82	..	4.4	5.5	7.2
530	134	Berkeley Gp	210	215	+2	3.4	1.6	12.4
148	65	Bett Bros	70	80	..	4.5	6.0	20.7
875	137	Blockleys	350	400	..	7.4	2.0	31.3
574	289	Blue Circle (aa)	297	300	..	18.5	6.2	8.0
425	135	Breedon PLC	133	153	-2	8.2	5.7	
253	86	Br Dredging	108	115	●-2	6.9	6.2	20.3
81	14½	Brown & Jackson	39	41	-½			
148	79	Bryant	113	115	+2	3.8	3.3	13.5
38½	11	Burnett & Hallam	10½	12	..	..	..	1.3
125	110	CRH	110	120	..	..	..	
177	80	Cakebread Robey	105	115	●..	5.2	4.7	13.8
373	178	Caradon	225	233	+1	10.3	4.5	14.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

CINEMAS, TV

DRAPERY, STORES

ELECTRICALS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
224½	99	Amstrad (aa)	106	109	+1	1.0	0.9	6.3
141	45	Apricot Computers	78	83	●..	0.7	0.9	10.8
232	95	Arlen	115	125	-5	2.7b	2.3	10.8
800	288	Atlantic Comp	350	357	-1	6.9	1.9	10.2
183	70	Audio Fidelity	65	75		..		28.5
338	174	Auto Sec	218	222	+4	2.7	1.2	18.3
436	269	BICC (aa)	312	317	●+4	16.8	5.3	16.6
148	68	BSR	70	73	●-1	3.8	5.3	13.0
244	120	Black	125	135	..	4.7	3.6	11.8
291	92	Bodand	100	110		..		
264	142	Bowthorpe	152	160	●-2	4.4b	2.8	13.5
274	74	Britannia Security	157	165	●+1	2.5	1.6	13.3
337	207	Br Telecom (aa)	205	208	-2	12.1	5.8	9.9
155	83	Brown Boveri Kent	88	93	●+4	5.1	5.6	9.4
48	15	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17	22	+2	0.1●	0.5	33.9
308	180	CAP Group	175	185	-1	2.5	1.4	17.3
148	51	CASE	48	53		0.7	0.2	4.3
515	258	Cable Wireless (aa)	305	308	+3	8.0	2.6	15.3
328	178	Cambridge Elec	191	194	+1	11.2	5.8	12.3
136	56	Cambridge Instr	55	57	-1	1.0	1.8	6.1
117	45	Chloride	48	52	●-2	2.6	5.2	13.7
515	140	Cray Elect	185	195	+1	3.5	1.8	11.5
301	151	Crystalate	148	153	-1	7.3	4.8	8.3
195	45	DDT Group	40	50	-3	1.6	3.6	8.0
142	59	Dale Elec	80	87	-1	4.8	5.7	17.4
65	34	Dewhurst	43	48	..	1.7	3.7	17.8
64	30	Do 'A'	38	43	..	1.7	4.1	15.7
645	258	Domino	280	300	..	3.1	1.1	19.8
78	35	Dowding & Mills	50	55	-5	2.4	4.5	13.0
245	133	Dubilier	130	140	..	4.5	3.3	12.7
264	157	Electrocomponents	186	190	●-3	5.3	2.8	14.7
176	75	Elec Data Process	90	100	-5	2.5	2.8	11.4
270	55	Electronic Mach	95	110	..	0.4	0.4	
86	48	Electronic Rentals	73	78	..	4.4	5.8	29.7
510	289	Emess	380	390	..	9.3	2.4	21.4
505	263	Eurotherm	258	267	-3	7.2	2.7	14.2
213	69	FKI Babcock	102	105	..	2.2	2.1	14.1
278	136	Farnell Elect	138	142	● ..	4.1	2.8	12.6
155	67	Ferranti (aa)	74	77	..	3.2b	4.2	10.6
118	40	Forward Tech	47	52	-1	1.0	2.0	9.5
251	155	GEC (aa)	155	158	-1	7.7	4.9	10.0
306	173	Hadland Screen	205	212	+2			
104	60	Highland Elect	58	61	● ..	3.4	5.7	8.9
340	146	Hoskyns Gp	210	220	..	2.2	1.0	28.7
123	73	ITL Gp	72	77		..		..
297	120	Int Signal & Control	132	148	+1	1.0	0.7	
430	122½	Jones Stroud	145	165	..	6.9	4.5	10.2
483	250	Kode	340	350	+7	19.2	5.6	14.7
380	245	Lec Refrigeration	245	255	..	17.1	6.8	11.9
427	210	Logica	230	238	..	2.3	1.0	16.4
703	349	MK Elect	657	667	●-38	17.1	2.6	20.5
369	195	Macro 4	225	240	..	3.8	1.6	20.9
400	115	Memec	190	200	..	4.8	2.5	20.2
172	71	MBS	78	83	-1	0.7e	0.9	74.3
492	258	Microfilm Repro	285	300	s ..	4.1	1.4	29.0
207	87	Micro Focus	93	103				
441	191	Microgen	220	227	-1	8.2	3.7	18.8
406	130	Mitel	128	133	-2	..	..	..
34½	15½	Molex	17¼	18¼	+¼			
108	46	Motorola Elect	43	53	..	2.3	4.8	36.1
69	43	Murray Elect	41	44	●-1	0.3	0.7	..
408	238	Newmark (Louis)	225	250	-5	19.2	8.1	11.5
129	77½	NEI	92	93	●-1½	7.2	7.8	41.7
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Confidence on the critical frontier

Revolution for Russia 70 years ago also marked the independence of Finland, but only recently have the Finns turned the bear-hug into a trade association of unequal but respectful neighbours. Peter Strafford reports

Splendour in the city: The Lutheran Cathedral in Helsinki. Above right: Finland's President Koivisto meeting the Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachov, in the Kremlin this year

Seventy years after declaring its independence, Finland today exudes the confidence of a country whose time has come. There have been turbulent times during those 70 years, and periods when it was far from certain that Finland would survive as an independent country, overshadowed as it was, and still is, by its giant neighbour to the east.

But it did survive, and it did more than that. It is now one of the more prosperous countries of Europe, with a standard of living still below that of Sweden, but above that of Britain and France.

It has a stable political system, an efficient welfare state, and an advanced, increasingly technological economy based on exports.

Though only a small country, with less than five million inhabitants, it has also established its identity in the world of the arts. Finns have made their name in architecture, design and, most recently, music.

Most critical of all, it has stabilized its relations with the Russians. It has done so by a realistic assessment of Moscow's age-old sense of vulnerability to the threat of invasion, and a deliberate policy of neutrality, often misunderstood, which is designed to put those fears at rest — the Paasikivi-Kekkonen line, named after the two presidents who created and institutionalized it.

The result is that Finland, a flourishing liberal democracy, shares a border of almost 800 miles with the Soviet Union, and both sides are happy with their relations. For the Finns, trade with the Soviet Union serves a useful purpose in balancing their much greater trade with the West.

On its side, Moscow appears finally convinced that there is no threat to them, and specifically to Leningrad, from Finland's being used as a base for military invasion.

The Russians have refrained in recent years from the overt pressures they still used in the 1960s and 1970s in order to influence Finnish political life, and have stood by uncomplainingly as Finland has become increasingly involved in the economic life of the West.

Finland has long been a full and active member of the Nordic group. It is a member of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, the European Free Trade Area, and such organizations as the European Space Agency.

The contrast with what has happened in eastern Europe is marked, and one that the Finns, not a naturally subdued or modest people, are happy to point out.

They appreciate that there are differences of geography, and that the Nordic area does not have the key strategic importance for the Soviet Union of central Europe.

There are also certain limitations on their action. Finland could not, even if it wanted, become a member of the EEC, still less of Nato.

But that price is one that they are ready to pay. And their belief is that it was essentially because of the extremely tough fight which they put up in the two Finnish-Soviet wars of 1939-40 and 1941-44 — and which earned them the avowed respect of Stalin — that the Finns have remained independent.

The Russians could ultimately have occupied Finland then — and could do so today — but in both cases the cost would have been unacceptably high.

If the Finns believe that they know the Russians better than most, it is because relations between the two peoples go back centuries — to Viking times.

Vikings from Sweden travelled along the south coast of Finland and down into what later became Russia; and in due course there were clashes between them and the growing power of Novgorod, leading to centuries of warfare between Sweden and Russia, most of it fought on Finnish territory.

The Finns, a people of partly Asian origin who spoke a non-Indo-European language, and lived mainly among the forests and lakes, became in due course part of the Swedish kingdom.

Then, in 1808, by which time many settlers of Swedish origin had established themselves there, Finland began its closer association with Russia: it was transferred from the Swedish to the Russian crown, becoming an autonomous grand duchy under the Tsar.

The relationship worked well as long as the Russians left the Finns alone, which they did for much of the 19th century. But that changed at the turn of the century, when St Petersburg began a policy of "Russification", and by 1917 the Finns had had enough.

On December 6, 1917, just after the October Revolution, the Finnish Senate declared independence, and that was accepted by Lenin.

It was not the end of the story, however. In January, 1918, the Finnish Reds in their turn carried out a revolution and occupied Helsinki, supported by the Bolsheviks.

The Whites regrouped at Vaasa in the north and, with German support, emerged the winners in a traumatic civil war which left scars for a many years. Finland had retained its independence, but at a price.

The Winter War of 1939-40, when the Russians invaded Finland, and the Continuation War of 1941-44, when the Finns invaded Russia in the forlorn hope of regaining the territories lost in the earlier war, were a further trial.

But they served to overcome the divisions within the country and, though Finland emerged bloodied, with 87,000 dead, the loss of 12 per cent of its territory, and a heavy programme of reparations to be made to the Soviet Union, it survived as a nation.

The post-war years were difficult, with great poverty and no certainty that Finland would not follow Czechoslovakia into the Soviet camp; there was an attempted coup in 1948.

But as it happened, the reparations programme helped develop the Finnish economy, because the reparations had to be in the form of industrial goods and that required the country to industrialize.

Once they had been completed, Finland found that it had a useful market in the Soviet Union, which helped tide it over recessions in the West and contributed to its economic growth.

Since 1945, Finland has been transformed from a backward and predominantly agricultural country, with few natural resources apart from its forests, into a land with an advanced industrial economy, and great pride is taken in that. "I could never have believed," one Finn told me, "that the standard of living, so low in 1945, would one day overtake that of Great Britain. It was inconceivable."

But the inconceivable has happened, and one explanation that is advanced is the high level of elementary education, dating back to the last century, which means that the Finnish workforce has the skills to handle the advance to modern technology.

Another is the principle of consensus in Finnish political life, which extends to relations between management and unions.

Finland has its strikes, and for many years its governments were notoriously unstable. But that has not been the case recently, and it is remarkable that the present Finnish government is essentially a coalition between two apparent adversaries, the Conservatives of the National Coalition Party, and the Social Democratic Party.

Significantly, both parties have also in the past been the object of anathemas from Moscow, now lifted.

The problems that face the government are not so different from those that face other advanced European countries — among them, adaptation to the changes in the pattern of modern economic life, and in particular the relative impoverishment of the north and east of Finland as modern industry sets itself up in the more accessible south.

Externally, it is concerned to retain its access to the markets of the member countries of the EEC as the Community moves towards establishing its internal market, since standards set in Brussels affect countries such as Finland, Sweden, Norway, Austria and Switzerland, which remain outside.

Solutions will not be easy. But the problems are bound to seem minor when compared to those faced by the Finnish government when it embarked on independence seventy years ago or, even more, those of 1939 and 1945.

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c.8,000 BC: First known human settlements
AD 100: Tacitus refers to the Fenni, possibly Lapps
9th century: Viking raids begin in Gulf of Finland area
1155: King Eric IX of Sweden launches crusade to Christianize Finland. An Englishman, Henry of Uppsala, becomes first Finnish bishop
1362: Finland given participatory role in kingdom of Sweden. Swedish law in force
1808: Finland occupied by Russians
1809: Finland becomes autonomous grand duchy under Tsar Alexander I
1917: Finnish Senate declares independence on Dec 6. Accepted by Lenin on Dec 31
Jan 1918: Revolution by Finnish Reds leads to civil war, won by Whites in May
1939-40: Soviet invasion leads to Winter War and loss of Finnish territory
1941-44: Continuation War: Finns attack Soviet Union alongside Germans. Reach separate peace in 1944.
1948: Treaty of friendship, co-operation and mutual assistance signed with Moscow
1955: Finland joins UN and Nordic Council
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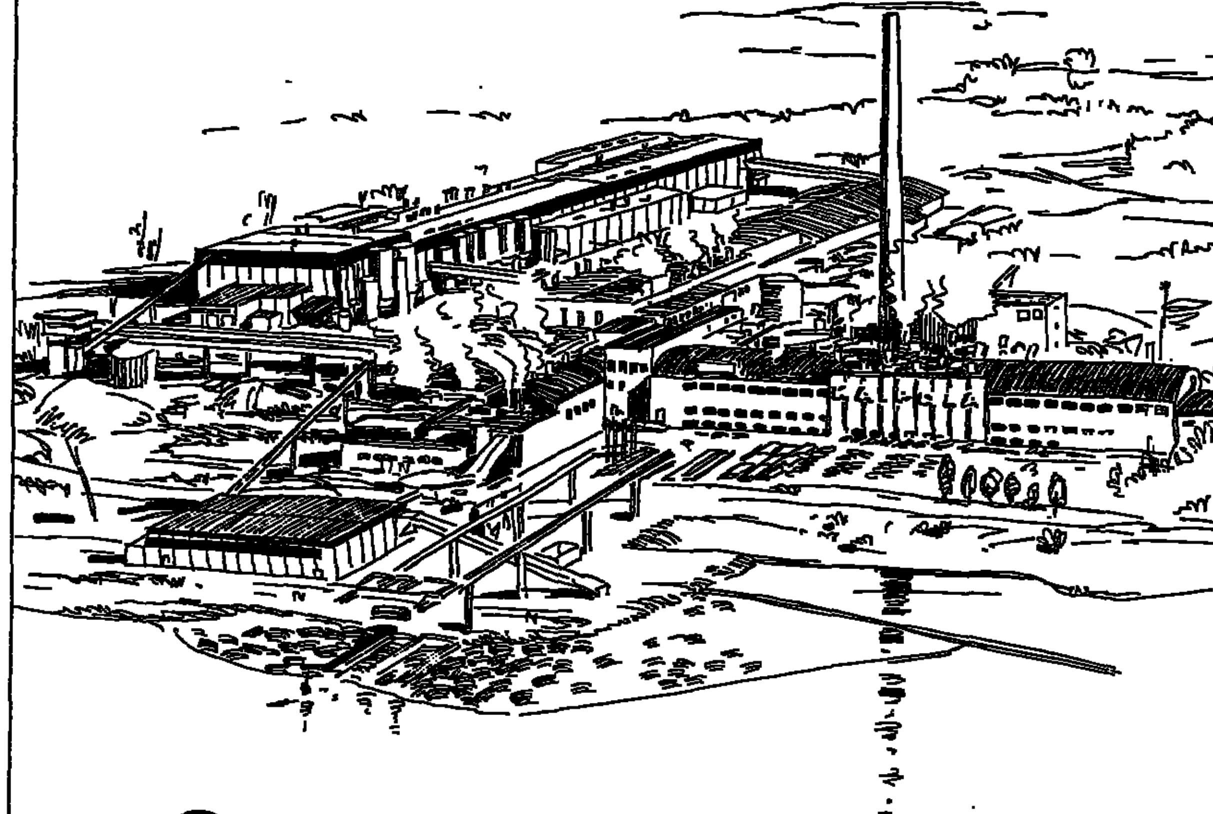

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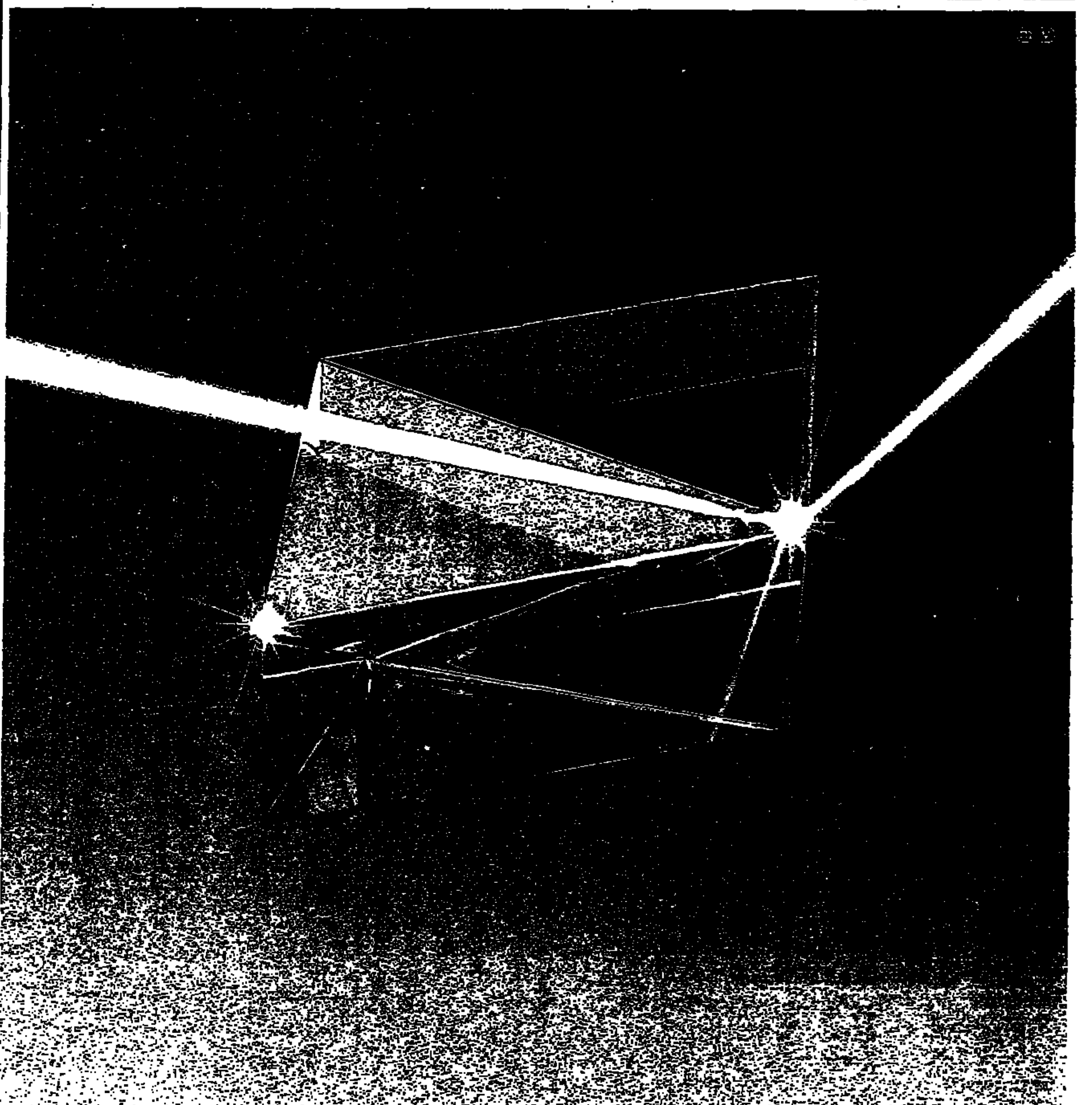

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The arch-enemies unite to govern

Amazingly, Finland's two biggest rival parties have successfully joined in government, reports OLLI KIVINEN

Finland is now engaged in an unprecedented "blue/red" coalition experiment, which has brought two former arch-enemies, the National Coalition Party (Conservatives) and the Social Democratic Party, into the same cabinet.

It has survived seven months without major difficulties and most observers predict that the coalition, which also includes two smaller parties, the Swedish People's Party and the Rural Party, *will last until the 1991* parliamentary elections.

In fact, the co-operation between the Social Democrats and the Conservatives has succeeded better than expected and the parties have found that they have much in common because both draw their support from wage-earners and both are moderate urban parties which benefit *from stable conditions.*

Co-operation with the Conservatives did, however, cause a nasty shock for the Social Democrats in the metal workers' union elections in October, when the Communists almost captured the control of this crucially important union. Since then the Social Democrats have raised their profile and reminded their voters over and over again that government cooperation does not lead to ideological surrender.

The blue (for Conservatives) and red (for Social Democrats) coalition caused a major shock in Finland's political life when President Mauno Koivisto used his extensive powers and personal prestige after the general election last March to break the centre-left mould of Finland's government politics.

The Centre – formerly Agrarian – Party had played a decisive role in all Finnish coalitions for 50 years, but was now left out in the cold. This was because Mr Koivisto wanted to give the Conservatives a change after they had been in the political wilderness for two decades, mainly because of former President Urho Kekkonen's dislike of them.

Mr Koivisto chose Mr Harri Holkeri, former chairman of the Conservative Party, to head the four-party cabinet, formed in May, which is supported by 131 of the 200 MPs in the Eduskunta (Parliament).

According to the latest opinion poll both the Conservatives and the Social Democrats have been able to increase their support since the formation of their coalition.

This extended honeymoon has been helped by the fact that the country's economy has been running smoothly and efficiently, and the government has not been forced to make any controversial decisions.

Mr Holkeri's test will come next year, however, when the annual price and income negotiations are opened, the tax reform bill must be passed and the dispute about worker participation in industrial democracy must be solved.

Harri Holkeri: Prices and incomes test

On its side, the Centre Party has been getting used to opposition politics, and it has been able to increase its support. The Communists, on the other hand, are faring worse and worse. They are now officially split into two parties, the Eurocommunist Finnish Communist Party (SKP) and the Stalinist Democratic Alternative (DEVA), and their total strength has fallen to around 12-13 per cent of the vote.

For the next two months Finland's political life will be revolving around the presidential election on January 31 and February 1. The constitution gives the president a dominant position in the country's life, and in normal circumstances the election is fought fiercely.

This time, however, the election has turned into an *unusual show of shadow boxing.* President Koivisto's overwhelming popularity has forced his rivals to set their sights on the next election, to be held in 1994.

Consistent opinion polls show that over 60 per cent of voters support Mr Koivisto, who has not even opened his campaign. His closest rival, the prime minister, Mr Holkeri, is second with 12-13 per cent and Paavo Väyrynen, the Centre Party leader, a poor third with 5-9 per cent.

Finland is overwhelmingly non-socialist, but many non-socialists will vote for Mr Koivisto, a Social Democrat, as they did in 1982, when he received 47 per cent of the vote.

His popularity is based to a large extent on the fact that he is identified as the leading force behind the present economic boom. In addition, he has been given credit for successfully achieving the transition to normal political life after President Kekkonen's 25 year-long reign, a process which had aroused some apprehension.

So Mr Holkeri and Mr Väyrynen, who are the most prominent non-socialist leaders, are now jockeying for position in the hope of winning the presidency after Mr Koivisto.

At present Mr Holkeri has the upper hand, because he won the race for the prime minister's office after the general election. Mr Väyrynen's popularity *has plummeted* since then, and he faces an uphill battle to regain his credibility.

The presidential election will be the first conducted under the revised election system, and this creates some uncertainties and apprehension. If one of the candidates receives more than 50 per cent of the popular vote he will be elected right away.

If no majority winner emerges, the president will be chosen by 301 electors, and that means that when they vote people will be asked to use two ballots, one for the president and one for the elector.

Research has shown that many voters intend to use *only their direct vote.* This means that the chosen electors may not reflect the real strength of the candidates, and this would in theory give other candidates a chance if Mr Koivisto is not re-elected directly by popular vote in the first round.

The most recent poll, conducted at the end of October for the *Helsingin Sanomat,* showed that 62 per cent of voters would choose Mr Koivisto, which means that he would be elected outright. Experience shows, however, that party affiliation plays a more dominant role the closer the election is, and the race is widely believed to be closer than that.

Good chance for UK exports

With the growth of its economy, Finland has shown a voracious appetite for advanced technology, particularly in data communications.

The Finnish market for high-tech systems is estimated to be growing by 20 to 25 per cent a year. And since 70 per cent of it is imported, there is plenty of scope for British exporters, provided they can beat the competition.

Some of them are already taking advantage of it, but more could be done.

Perhaps the most distinctive feature of the scene is the telecommunications system. Like other Nordic countries, Finland has long had a much more advanced telephone system than Britain: more facilities are available at the touch of a button, telephones are ergonomically designed, and Finland has one of the highest densities in the world of telephone ownership.

The first fully digital switching system in Europe was installed in Finland in 1982, and there is a highly competitive, well-organized telecommunications industry.

It is also unique, however, in having an arrangement, dating back to the last century, when Finland was under Tsarist rule, by which there are no fewer than 58 private telephone companies in addition to the state-owned Posts and Telecommunications operation, all keen to do business.

Each company is allowed to provide services within its own zone, one of them being the lucrative Helsinki area, while trunk services and international links are provided by the P & T.

Lapland presents a special challenge

In the far north, Lapland presents a particular challenge because of its vast open spaces, scattered population and harsh climate.

In the aftermath of the Second World War much of its infrastructure had been destroyed in the fighting between the Finns and the retreating Germans, and everything had to be rebuilt, starting with the telephone poles.

Since then, not only has the most modern equipment been installed, with a digital exchange at Rovaniemi and an optical fibre link between there and Kemi, but about 100 solar-powered public telephones have been set up in the wilds of northern Lapland.

Attached to cottages, they are available to anyone to use, whether Lapps with their herds of reindeer or travellers in the wilderness.

There is also an automatic telephone network – the NMT 450, or Nordic Mobile Telephone, developed jointly by the Nordic countries – for use by people with their own mobile telephones.

A fund of good will for Britain

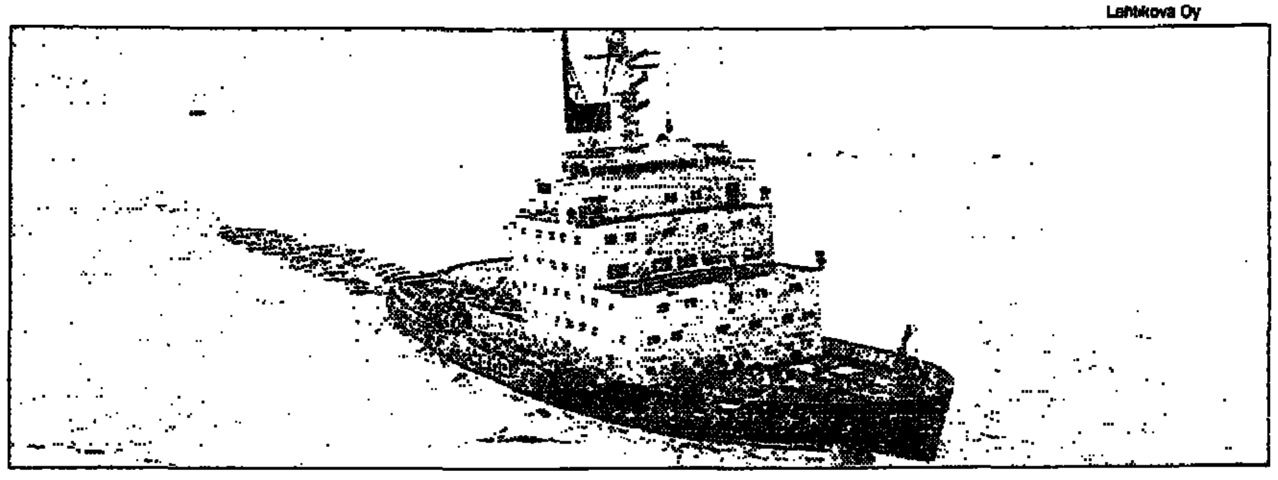
Competition for all high-tech orders is stiff. At present Britain accounts for only some 8 per cent of Finnish imports of automatic data processing equipment and electronic components.

But GEC Video Systems have sold the P & T eight compression codecs, originally designed for British Telecom, which transform a video signal so that it can be carried by a telephone line, and are used in providing videoconferencing links.

CASE Communications of Watford, which specializes in making systems for the transport of business information, has established itself by making a distribution agreement with a leading Finnish company, Jertec. Between them, CASE and Jertec have won an estimated 70 per cent of the Finnish market for multiplexers (which divide a data channel into two or more independent fixed channels of lower speed) with the CASE product.

***There is a fund of good will* towards Britain, but it is unsentimental; British exporters have to live down the image of being unreliable suppliers. They also have to reckon with the fact that, whereas in this country technological knowledge and sales technique are often kept separate, in Finland a salesman is expected to know the technology of what he is selling. He will often be sent away if he cannot answer some probing questions.**

Peter Strafford



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Surviving the market crash

Shock waves from the October stock-market plunge have not seriously affected Finland's economic optimism, and most indicators show that the country can expect growth of 3.5 per cent in its GNP this year, *writes Olli Kivinen.*

This means that Finland celebrates her 70th anniversary amid wealth that is almost incomprehensible to the older generations, who *know from experience the* state Finland was in in 1945: a largely agricultural country which had been thoroughly impoverished during the war.

The postwar years have seen a change from near-starvation to a competitive high-tech society climbing rapidly towards the top in the European standard of living competition.

This wellbeing does not seen to be threatened now because Finland is far less dependent on changes in the stock market than most other market economy countries. Shares in Helsinki's tiny stock market lost 17 per cent of their value in four weeks, but this is not expected to be reflected in manufacturing output before the latter part of 1988.

Finland's postwar economic success has been based on export of manufactured goods, and indicators are healthy in this crucial area. Total output is growing briskly, the stock of new orders is good, unemployment, which stands at 5.3 per cent, continues to fall, and 3.5 per cent inflation is near the international average.

This year has actually been a showcase for Finland's *much*-debated economic consensus policy. Previously only foreign policy was based on wide consensus, but during the last decade this consensus has spread also to economic policies, and this once unruly country has begun to resemble Switzerland or Sweden.

Finland's economy has lately been managed with the help of wide-ranging and moderate wages and incomes agreements between the government, the unions and the employers, and the results have been impressive: the growth rate has averaged more than 3 per cent, which is among the highest in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

On the other hand, critics of *the economic consensus* say that it has improved the lot of the well-off and well-educated while others have been forced to cope as well as they can with sharp structural changes. For instance, more and more people have been moving south to the fast growing technological centres, while many traditional industries have faced increasing difficulties, closures and lay-offs.

Managing this structural change has become one of the most debated subjects today, and next year's wages and prices agreements, due to be negotiated in the spring, will show if the present consensus can continue.

This year's budget estimates, calculated before the stock market plunge, were optimistic, and the government decided to move from *stimulative to neutral* economic policies. Last year it chose stimulative policies, partly because it faced a general election in March, but this year's results have shown that that was not necessary.

The estimates show GNP growing 3 per cent next year, compared with this year's 3.5 per cent, and unemployment falling to 5 per cent. The more *recent uncertainties in Western* markets will force Finland to lower these growth estimates somewhat, perhaps to 2.5 per cent.

Meanwhile fluctuations and the fall in the price of oil have caused increasing difficulties in Finland's trade with the Soviet Union. This trade is conducted on a bilateral barter basis, and the books must always balance at the end of a given period.

Since Finland's imports from the USSR consist almost entirely of oil and other raw materials, because most Soviet manufactured goods are not competitive, Finland's exports fall whenever the price of oil falls. Soviet trade, which the Finns regard as very important balancing factor, because it is not affected by Western recessions, has fallen well below 20 per cent.

Both parties have, however, have made a political decision to keep the trade on a reasonable level. To achieve this, new credit facilities and other temporary measures have been established.

Finnish exporters look at the Gorbachov reforms with mixed feelings. On the one hand they want to move towards a more liberal trading system based at least partly on convertible currencies. At the same time they know that reforms mean increased competition with other exporters compared with the relatively soft barter trade.

Most are confident, however, that liberalization will enable them to increase their market share, because their goods are competitive everywhere in the world, and they know the Soviet market better than other Westerners.

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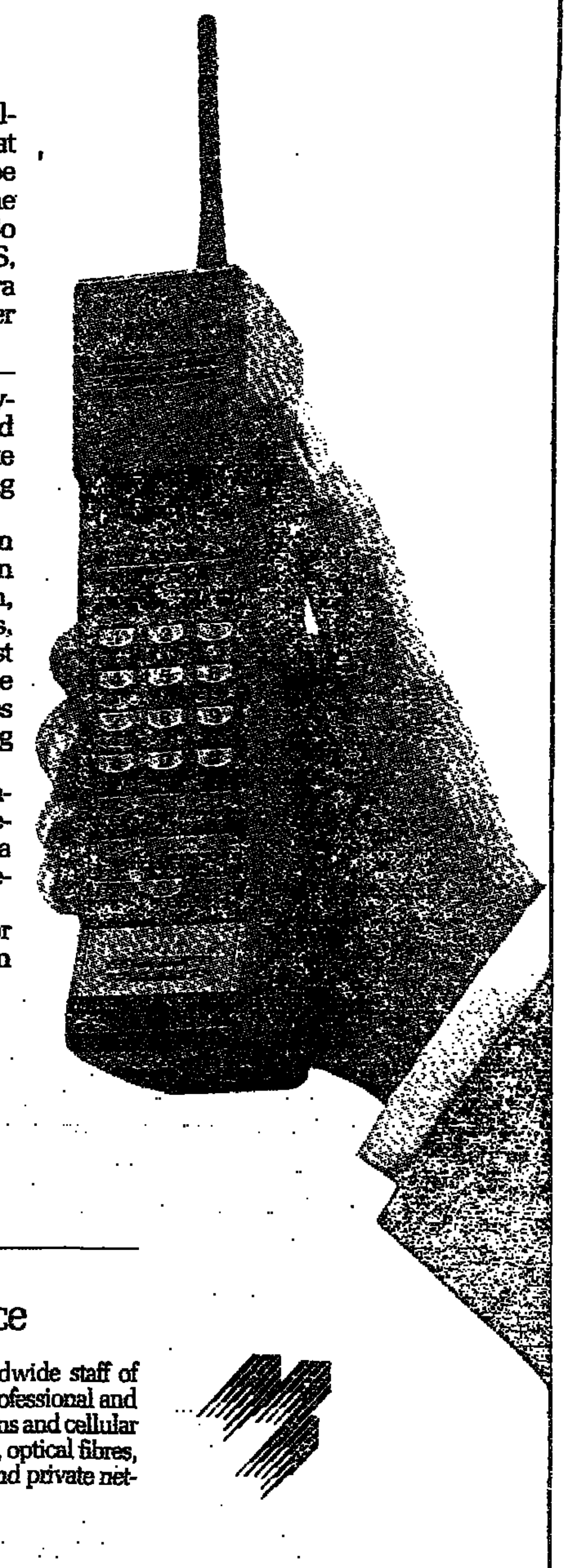

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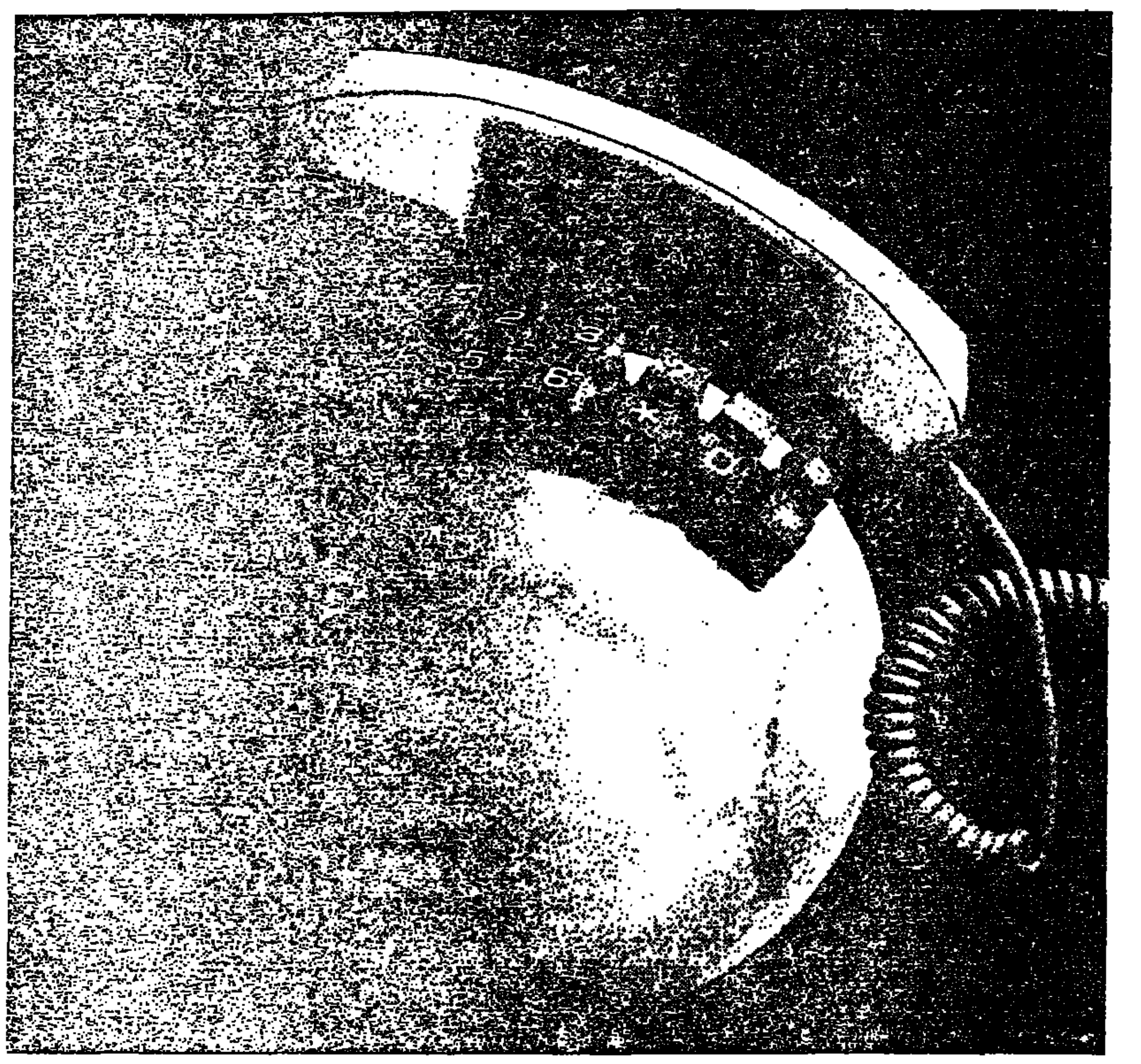

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The dramatically situated Olavinlinna castle in east Finland's lake district, a reminder of more troubled times, but now a centre for high-standard productions of grand opera

Peter Strafford uncovers the history behind a handsome castle

Fortress in a land of peace

Finland is now a peaceful, prosperous – and relatively expensive – country to travel in. It has towns of great architectural and historical interest – Helsinki, Turku and Tampere are only the largest – vast expanses of lakeland and forest, and a long coastline dotted with hundreds of rocky islands, large and small.

But it was not always so peaceful, as its heavily fortified castles show. One in particular, the dramatically situated Olavinlinna in the lake district in the east of Finland, is a reminder of more troubled times, and is now playing its part, as a centre for opera, in the artistic endeavours of the present day.

Built on an islet outside the small town of Savonlinna, itself built on a string of larger islands, Olavinlinna has an imposing profile, with three surviving towers and thick curtain walls.

Remarkably well preserved, it looks far out over the lakeland and forest which stretch to the horizon, and is a survival of the wars fought for centuries over this sparsely inhabited Finnish territory by Russians and Swedes.

The earliest parts date back to 1475, when the Danish-born governor of Vyborg (now in the Soviet Union), Erik Axelsson Tott, decided that more protection was needed against the rising power of the grand duchy of Moscow – and guides explain that he had to build wooden fences to protect his builders from the Russians, who considered the island theirs.

But the castle was completed over the next 15 years or so, and continued to be at the centre of fighting along the Swedish-Russian border until 1808, when the whole of Finland was handed over to the Tsar by the Swedes.

Today, like so many other survivals of past violence, it has found a new role: it is the main setting for the Savonlinna Opera Festival,; and it is also the focal point for travellers, musically minded or not, who are attracted to the lovely Finnish lake district, with its distinctive combination of great stretches of water and pine-clad shores and islands.

When I was there last month, there was snow on the ground, large stretches of the lakes were frozen solid, and the people of Savonlinna, heavily wrapped, were busy with their own affairs. The towers of Olavinlinna were capped with white, and so were the ubiquitous pine-trees. Daylight hours were few.

But life continued in the restaurants, where reindeer meat, fresh salmon and the roe of a lake fish, the *muikko*, were on offer, together with plentiful tots of Finnish *snaps*. At the Casino Spa Hotel, where people have been going for various forms of health treatment since the days of the Tsars, I tested the restorative powers of a sauna, followed by a dip in a (heated) pool.

But it is a very different scene in summer, or so I was assured. Then dozens of small passenger steamers ply the waters of the lakes during the long days and short nights, or line the quays of the harbour. The market place on the Savonlinna waterfront has stalls selling everything from vegetables and berries to clothes. Visitors stroll up and down the main street.

The operas are performed in the great courtyard of Olavinlinna, covered for the occasion; and next year they will include *Aida*, *The Magic Flute*, *The Flying Dutchman*, *Madame Butterfly* and *Carmen*, the last two performed in Chinese by the Central Opera Theatre from Peking.

The BBC Welsh Choir and the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Roger Norrington, will also be performing Handel's *Messiah* in the castle, while the Central Opera Theatre will be travelling to Kerimäki, a few miles from Savonlinna, to sing Verdi's *Requiem* in the large and ornate wooden church there.

During the summer the Finnish lakes become the setting for a range of artistic events. The most unusual is reached by driving a few miles out from Savonlinna to one of Finland's best-known beauty spots, Punkaharju, a low wooded ridge dating back to Ice Age times which divides two expanses of lake – and known as the place where Runeberg, Finland's national poet, composed the words of the national anthem, *Our Land*.

There, several large underground caverns, entirely man-made, have been quarried deep inside the rock, and are used for an arts centre, known as Retretti. There is a concert hall with seating for 1,050 people, as well as exhibition halls and a restaurant, all approached by long galleries leading down from the woodland scene overhead.

For many Finns, the lakeland has a special appeal as a sort of national heartland. The museum in Savonlinna, which stands on an island just by Olavinlinna, recounts the history of the district, known as Savo, which is thought to have been settled since about 7,000 BC by a succession of peoples, including Lapps, Karelians and others; and it describes the works of art, such as paintings and sacrificial stones, that they have left behind.

One exhibit is a full-size reconstruction of a one-room peasant cottage, built of wood, with a woman sitting in front of the hearth and someone sleeping in an alcove about the chimney. A visitor from Helsinki told me that was how his mother had grown up, and he pointed out the basic wooden fittings, including the vaulted bridal chest, which were part of that simple country life.

Few Finns now live like that, and it was an indication of how much had changed in Finland in so short a time.

Hi-tech takes over from timber

Finland has made a rapid response to technological change, which includes drugs for rare diseases and X-rays for dentists

The Finns are mightily upset when the ill-informed visitor describes them as Soviet puppets; equally they object to outsiders regarding them as a nation of backward Eskimos.

There is little that is unsophisticated or lacking modernity in Finland. It has very firmly established itself as a high-technology country with a population whose demands for state-of-the-art products and services, and enormous reliance on exports, ensure the continuous search by industry for greater technological achievements.

Rapidly developing technologies, ranging from lasers and optical fibres to ceramics and genetic engineering, are playing a vital role in the growth of Finnish industry, and it is decreasing its dependence on basic products such as timber, wood pulp and low-value grades of paper.

The Finnish Academy of Technology says: "Finland has emerged in the last few decades as an advanced industrialized country among the most prosperous in the world. This transition has taken place faster than in most industrialized countries.

"It has been made possible by an extensive educational system, intensive research and development work, and rapid adoption of new technologies in industry and other segments of society. It has also been based on good harmony within society, trusting relations with neighbouring and far-away countries and open channels to international markets."

Foreign trade accounts for nearly one-third of Finland's gross national product, and large forests and some mineral resources have provided a domestic base for industrial development and foreign trade. "But the future development must be increasingly based on knowledge and expertise, and their efficient utilization and unhindered exchange", the academy says.

The list of Finnish technological successes is lengthening and typified – as in the case of its wealthy neighbour, Sweden – by the huge sums being spent on research and development in the pulp and paper industries, both in terms of making better and higher value-added products and in automating and controlling the production processes.

Paper-makers are now using new ceramic materials, metals such as titanium, and new polymers and composites.

The industry says: "Much of this work has been carried out jointly by the engineering and paper industries with the result that the art of Finnish papermaking is today based on a very high level of expertise and on a well-established infrastructure designed to ensure profitable business operations."

At the same time pulp and paper makers provide the major source of pollution for Finland's rivers and lakes, and the industry has done much to reduce its plant discharges.

Finnish industry says its treatment of waste water is now the most advanced in the world. Organic matter in water has been cut by 70 per cent in 12 years and sulphur emissions into the air by 45 per cent.

In other major so-called smoke-stack industries, Finland has been active in introducing new technology. Rautaruukki, the iron and steel company which supplies more than half of the high-quality steel used in Finland's ice-breaking ships, has recently completed an automation programme on two high-pressure blast furnaces using a digital process automation system and a programmable logic system.

The result has been a cut in fuel consumption from 468kg to 450kg per tonne of hot metal.

With the Finnish goal of keeping its ports in the Gulf of Bothnia open during normal winters, the race has been on constantly to improve the nation's fleet of ice-breakers.

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Advanced microprocessor integrated automation systems control many of the functions of the new ships.

In other areas, too, Finland is leading the way. The Laboratory of Computer and Information Science at Helsinki University of Technology, for example, has developed a speech recognition system – the sort that might one day be used in a phonetic typewriter – that can understand languages like Finnish and Japanese which have numerous inflexions and endings.

Finnish scientists have also developed new drugs to combat rare diseases, have been among the leaders in developing magnetic resonance imaging in medicine and developed new concepts of panoramic X-ray for dentists.

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Hobby that turned into big business: Brian Gaskin in his busy Kent workshop

Sailaway success of Mr Kite

By Della Mason

Brian Gaskin has led his small, exuberant firm — Ascent International — up, up and away. Now when he steps off a plane in Greece, Turkey or France, he is likely to see his multicoloured parachutes decorating the skies.

Mr Gaskin, an aviation buff and keen water-skier, set about creating his first parakite — an ascending parachute — simply because he wanted to take off and fly behind his boat. It took him a year of drawing-board design and tests to perfect one. But when in 1968 he took to the water, a water-skier asked him to make one and a big order from Greece followed. Within three years the hobby had turned into a business.

His son, Vincent, at 21 is now ready to take over the firm and sisters Lorraine, 26, and Angela, 23, are part of the family team. From set-up, with a mere £4,000 to £5,000, turnover is £200,000 a year, and sales leap upwards all the time, now running at 500 to 700 parakites and their acessories a year.

He buys all his materials from British firms, with the small exception of one link from Italy. British manufacturers, he says, can be slow. And he has another product waiting in the wings: inflatable rubber fun boats. The enterprise is tucked away in a modern factory at the Blue Chalet Industrial Estate, West Kingsdown, Kent. It employs five, plus outworkers.

Parakites from Ascent International are used commercially in the US and the world by firms like Coca-Cola and Seven Up to advertise their products and a string of US hotels uses pink-and-white, dual-seat parakites from Ascent.

Rising interest in research

By Edward Townsend

An increase of more than 50 per cent in the numbers of small business trainers and researchers registering with the Small Business Research Trust over the *last three years is reported this week.*

The trust said that rising interest in the small business sector was apparently matched by an increase in enthusiasm among the new breed of trainers. It added: "Proportionately more small business trainers are now prepared to produce their own case studies, books and articles, as well as direct their own firms and offer counselling services."

The latest edition of the trust's register shows a jump in the numbers to 188, from 147 two years ago and 124 in 1984. More than a third are new names and the trust claims the register is now the single most comprehensive source of small business teachers, trainers, lecturers and researchers.

As well as people at British universities, polytechnics and colleges, the register also provides contacts in Ireland, France, Belgium, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Australia and New Zealand.

In Britain the increasingly dominant role of the Manpower Services Commission as the main source of funds for the enterprise training programme is evident. Two-thirds of the courses taught by the 126 trainers in the register are MSC-funded. In contrast, courses sponsored by local authorities and enterprise agencies, plus the full fee paying courses, have strongly declined *in relative importance*, said the trust.

The MSC's recent emphasis on enterprise training for graduates is shown in the 19 per cent of the 126 registered trainers who now teach the graduate extension programmes.

● ***Register of Small Business Education and Research Activities, Small Business Research Trust, Francis House, Francis Street, London SW1P 1DE. £5.50.***

BRIEFING

■ The Kent Economic Development Board (KEDB) is again to sponsor the county's Industry and Commerce Exhibition next September. The 1988 show, the ninth, will incorporate say organizers, a "themed mini-exhibition, an international business conference and seminars." backed by a variety of organizations with an interest in helping Kent companies to grow."

● **Contact:** *The organizers, Silver Collins, Tel 01 729 0677, or KEDB, Brenchley House, Week Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1RF; tel: 0622 679976.*

■ Southampton University is staging a one-day intensive seminar, sponsored by Barclays Bank, on December 17 to *brief exporters on the potential offered by* the developing EEC between now and 1992 when the single market is due to come into operation. Speakers from the British Overseas Trade Board, *Barclays and the EEC's London office* will attend and private consultations with experts will be available. Big companies may already be well advised about European standards, legislation, *trade languages and new directives, say* the organizers, but small and medium size firms may benefit from access to reliable sources of information. The cost of the day is £95 a head.

● **Contact:** *Dr Frank Gregory, Centre for International Policy Studies, Southampton University, Southampton S09 5NA; tel: 0703-559122.*

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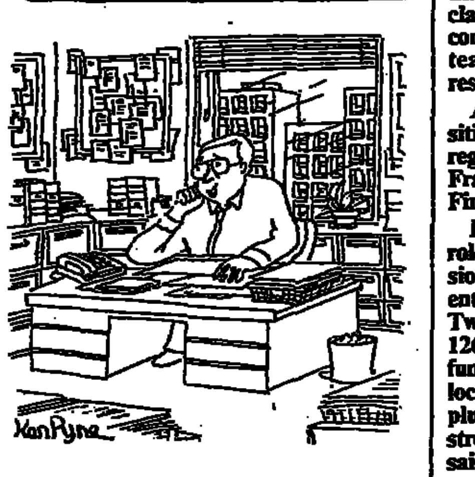

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Rents to continue rising despite crash

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

By Christopher Warman

Property Correspondent

Despite the recent falls on the Stock Exchange, the pressure on rents in central London *is likely to be sustained into* 1988 because of low supply, Richard Ellis states in its latest bulletin. The agency admits it is too early to identify clearly the longer-term effects of the crash itself on business volume and profitability, which may reduce future office demand. But the nature of tenant demand is diverse and much of the *development pipeline is pre-let, it says.*

Richard Ellis is "reasonably" confident that the central London market has the resilience to withstand at least a modest downturn, without creating a severe imbalance between supply and demand over the next 12 months or longer.

***It predicts that supply is likely to remain* tight into 1988, with the early marketing and pre-letting of schemes due for completion during 1988 and 1989 reducing the amount of completed accommodation which will become available during those years.**

The bulletin shows that top rents across the City of London, West End and Holborn increased by an average of nearly 39 per cent in the first nine months of the year. Weatherall Green & Smith, in the 1987 central London office report, takes *the view that though the collapse of* the world's financial markets will inevitably have its effect on the property market, and in particular central London, the capital's position as a world financial centre is assured. Rodney Petty, City of London partner, said the recent upheaval has made the assessment of demand and future rental growth less certain.

"In the short term," he said, "there must be a question mark over the future expansion of the 'financial players' who have mainly been responsible for the *dramatic rise in City rents from £40 to* £60 a sq ft this summer."

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IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1987-88

BRITISH RAILWAYS (NO. 2)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by the British Railways Board ("the Board") for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

1 Construction of the following works:-
In the London borough of Wandsworth -
Work No 1 - A railway (271 metres in length) at Battersea, being a spur on to land adjoining the disused Battersea Power Station.
In the metropolitan borough of Rotherham, South Yorkshire -
Works Nos 2 and 2A A railway (846 metres in length) and a diversion of Roundwood Brook at Kilnhurst:
In the borough of Restormel, Cornwall -
Works Nos 3 and 3A - a railway (2975 metres in length) in the parishes of St. Dennis and St. Enoder and an access road in the parish of St. Enoder:
In the borough of Ashford, Kent -
Work No 4 - A railway (980 metres in length), being partly in the parish of Sevington, adjoining the railway between Ashford and Folkestone;
In the district of West Dorset, Dorset -
Work No 5 - A railway (390 metres in length) at Yeovil Junction in the parish of Bradford Abbas:
In the district of Montgomeryshire, Powys -
Work No 6 - A railway (1034 metres in length) in the community of Welshpool, being a deviation of the railway between Shrewsbury and Aberystwyth;
In the city of Lincoln, Lincolnshire -
Work No 7 - a footbridge at High Street, Lincoln.

2 Special provisions in connection with the construction and maintenance of the proposed works, including provision of a railway station at Battersea in connection with Work No. 1 (with power to enter into agreements with the owner or lessee for the time being of the site thereof for its construction, maintenance and operation) and a railway station and car park at Welshpool in connection with Work No. 6, the construction and operation of a level crossing over Whitegate in connection with Work No. 3 and relief of certain obligations with respect to that work, and general powers to stop up permanently or temporarily roads, bridleways and footpaths with or without substitutes, and for the appropriation of sites of certain roads, bridleways and footpaths so stopped up.
3 Power to fill in part of Roundwood Brook (Kilnhurst), power to stop up the footpath carried by a footbridge over the railway adjacent to High Street level crossing (Lincoln) and an adjacent private road to vehicular traffic, part of the footpath between Sevington and Canterbury Road (Ashford), a part of the footpath between Snailwell Road, Snailwell, and Newmarket at Snailwell Junction in the district of East Cambridgeshire, Cambridgeshire, and part of the footpath between Hemsworth and South Kirkby at South Kirkby, West Yorkshire, and to provide new footpaths (at Snailwell Junction also partly in the district of Forest Heath, Suffolk) in place of the parts so stopped up; power to stop up the private road and to narrow that part of the footpath at North Elmsall, West Yorkshire (linking Elmsall Lodge Farm with the bridleway between Hemsworth and South Kirkby) which is carried by a bridge over the Pontefract Baghill to Moorthorpe railway in connection with the reconstruction of that bridge; and power to stop up Steeton level crossing, Steeton, West Yorkshire, Bloomhill Road level crossing, Thorne, South Yorkshire, and Little Bowden Junction level crossing, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, subject to certain savings for pedestrian use.
4 Power for the Board to enter into agreements with Cambridgeshire County Council concerning a level crossing to be constructed at Chesterton in substitution for Mere Way level crossing and special provisions for the construction, operation and maintenance of the new crossing and for the stopping up of Mere Way Crossing
5 Extinguishment of certain rights of way over Tarn Gate level crossing, Thornton, Lancashire.
6. Purchase of land or rights over land in the areas of the proposed works referred to in paragraph 1 above (including land at Yeovil Junction in the parish of Clifton Maybank and at St Dennis and Kilnhurst for the provision of access) and at Snailwell Junction and South Kirkby referred to in paragraph 3 above and also in the metropolitan borough of Barnsley, South Yorkshire, and at Rayleigh, in the districts of Basildon and Rochford, Essex; temporary possession or use of, and access over, land in that borough and in those districts and at Sevington (Ashford). Special provisions as to entry and compensation and general provisions for the extinction or suspension of private rights of way over lands to be purchased or used
7. Extension of time for the compulsory purchase of certain land or rights over land at Ringway, Manchester, authorised to be purchased by the British Railways Act 1984.
8. Relief from obligations of the Board to maintain three bridges over the river Witham, in the city of Lincoln, Lincolnshire, as swing or lifting bridges
9. Provisions of a general nature applicable to or in consequence of the intended Act, including the incorporation or application of certain specified enactments.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that plans and sections of the intended works and plans of the land which may be purchased or used under the intended Act, with a book of reference to those plans, as affecting the following areas, have been deposited for public inspection with the appropriate officer of the area concerned as follows:-

Area	Officer with whom deposit made
London borough of Wandsworth	Chief Executive & Director of Administration, The Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street.
County of Cambridgeshire	Director of Finance and Administration, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge;
District of East Cambridgeshire	District Solicitor, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely;
Parish of Snailwell	Mrs B Orme, Clerk, Snailwell Parish Council, 5 Roman Way, Snailwell, Newmarket;
County of Cornwall	Clerk and Chief Executive, County Hall, Truro;
Borough of Restormel	Chief Executive, 39 Penwinnick Road, St. Austell;
Parish of St Dennis	Mrs J E Salmon, Clerk, St. Dennis Parish Council, Rose Cottage, Carne Hill, St Dennis.
Parish of St. Enoder	Mrs H. Westlake, Clerk, St. Enoder Parish Council, "Nampara" 16 Pocohontas Crescent, Indian Queens, St. Columb;
County of Dorset	County Solicitor, County Hall, Dorchester;
District of West Dorset	Chief Executive, 58/60 High West Street, Dorchester;
Parish of Bradford Abbas	Mr. E.M. Garret, Clerk, Bradford Abbas Parish Council, 30 South View, Bradford Abbas, Sherborne;
Parish of Clifton Maybank	Mr J.E.T Mellish, Chairman, Clifton Maybank Parish Meeting, Hutsh Farm, Bradford Abbas, Sherborne;
County of Essex	The Chief Executive and Clerk, County Hall, Chelmsford;
District of Basildon	Manager of Administrative and Legal Services, Council Offices, Fodderwick, Basildon;
District of Rochford	Secretary to the Council, Council Offices, South Street, Rochford;
County of Kent	County Secretary, County Hall, Maidstone;
Borough of Ashford	Borough Secretary & Solicitor, Council Offices, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford;
Parish of Sevington	Mrs J.M. Tyler, Clerk, Sevington Parish Council, Burgate Field, Kingsford Street, Mersham,
County of Lincolnshire	County Solicitor, County Solicitor's office, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln;
City of Lincoln	City Solicitor, City Hall, Beaumont Fee, Lincoln;
County of Powys	Chief Executive and County Treasurer, Powys County Hall, Llandrindod Wells;
District of Montgomeryshire	Chief Executive, Council Offices, Severn Road, Welshpool;
Community of Welshpool	Mr. K Fletcher, Town Clerk, Welshpool Town Council, Town Council Offices 42 Broad Street, Welshpool;
County of Suffolk	Chief Executive, St. Helens Court, County Hall, Ipswich;
District of Forest Heath	Chief Executive, District Offices, College Heath Road, Mildenhall;
City of Wakefield	Head of Administration, County Hall, Wakefield;
Parish of North Elmsall	Mrs L. Howard, Clerk, Upton and North Elmsall Parish Council, 17, Rutland Avenue, Pontefract;
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Metropolitan borough of Barnsley	Director of Administration, Town Hall, Barnsley;
Metropolitan borough of Rotherham	The Director of Legal and Administrative Services, Civic Building, Walker Place, Rotherham

In the case of the borough of Restormel a similar deposit has also made at the Sub-Post Office, Fore Street, St. Dennis

On and after 4th December 1987 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 60p each at the above mentioned offices of the Chief Executive, Restormel Borough Council, Borough Secretary and Solicitor, Ashford Borough Council, and Director of Legal and Administrative Services, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, and at the offices of the Director of Planning, Montgomeryshire District Council, at Council Offices, Severn Road, Welshpool; at the ticket office at Rayleigh, Wilmslow and Yeovil Junction railway stations at the British Railways Travel Centre at Cambridge and Lincoln Central railway stations at the Administration Office, Platform 4, Stockport railway station; at the offices of the following firms of Solicitors, namely, Messrs. Barnes, Sarney & Taylor, 140 High Street, Rayleigh, Messrs Bury & Walkers Permanent Building, Regent Street, Barnsley, Messrs. Ennions, 90 High Street, Newmarket, and Messrs Moxon & Barker, 11 Market Street, Hemsworth; at Battersea Park Public Library, Battersea Park Road, and the Reference Library in Battersea District Library, Lavender Hill; at the Sub-Post Office, Fore Street St Dennis and at each of the undermentioned offices

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that House will be 30th January 1989 if it originates in the House of Lords, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in that House will be 6th February 1988 Further information may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the undermentioned Solicitor or Parliamentary Agents.
DATED this 26th day of November 1987

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IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1987-88
SAINT BENNET FINK BURIAL GROUND
(CITY OF LONDON)

Notice is hereby given that application is being made to Parliament by Eagle Star Insurance Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Company") for leave to introduce in the present Session a Bill (hereinafter referred to as "the Bill") under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

To ensure that the existence of the premises 1 to 4 Threadneedle Street in the city of London constitutes no breach of "the restrictions" being those in section 17 of the Act of 1842 (5 & 6 Vict c.cl) or other restraints (including consecration) attaching to the site of the former church and disused burial ground of St. Bennet Fink ("the burial ground" forming part of the Royal Exchange Piazza and open space adjoining Threadneedle Street and Finch Lane) as a burial ground, open space or disused burial ground under the Disused Burial Grounds Act 1884.

To free those premises and a portion of the burial ground from such of the said restrictions as may exist, and as necessary for redevelopment of 1 to 4 Threadneedle Street; and in certain circumstances to provide for parts of the site or those premises to become part of the open space of the said burial ground and to be added thereto. A net approximate 30.8 square metres (331 square feet) of that open space is proposed to be used for the said redevelopment.

To make provision incidental to or consequential upon the foregoing.

A plan showing the lands affected by the Bill has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords and in the Private Bill office of the House of Commons.

On and after the 4th day of December 1987 copies of the said plan will be available for public inspection at the offices of the undermentioned Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents. The Remembrancer of the Corporation of London, The Guildhall, London EC2P 2EJ and of the Company, 1 Threadneedle Street, London, EC2.

On and after the 4th day of December 1987, a printed copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies thereof obtained at the price of 50p for each copy at the respective offices of the undermentioned Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents.

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in either or both Houses of Parliament. The latest date for the deposit of such a Petition in the First House will be 6th February, 1988 if the Bill originates in the House of Lords or 30th January, 1988 if it originates in the House of Commons. Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.
Dated this 27th day of November 1987

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IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1987-88
INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT CENTRE FROM BUCKINGHAM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by the International Management Centre from Buckingham Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Company") under the above name or short title for the purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

1. To incorporate the Company as the International Management Centre from Buckingham (hereinafter referred to as "the Centre");
2. To set out the objects of the Centre;
3. To grant subsidiary powers to the Centre subject to the objects of the Centre;
4. To enable the Centre to charge fees;
5. To enable the Centre to award degrees of membership;
6. To provide a Council an Academic Board and a Court of Honorary Membership of the Centre;
7. To enable the Centre to make byelaws, regulations and ordinances;
8. To authorise the Centre to invest money;
9. To transfer all property, privileges, liabilities, agreements, appointments, awards, controls, deeds and bequests from the Company to the Centre;
10. To make provision with respect to contracts of employment;
11. To enact further provisions incidental to or consequential upon the above mentioned purposes.

On and after 4th December 1987 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies thereof obtained at the price of £1 each at the office of the International Management Centre from Buckingham, Castle Street, Buckingham MK18 1BS, at the offices of Messrs. Balfour & Manson, 58 Frederick Street Edinburgh EH2 at the offices of Messrs. L'Estrange & Brett, 7/9 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4JG and at the offices of the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that House will be 30th January 1988; if the Bill originates in the House of Lords the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments will be 6th February 1988 Further information may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents
Dated this 27th day of November 1987

Martin & Co.,
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IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1987-88
IMPERIAL COLLEGE

Notice is hereby given that application is being made to Parliament by the University of London, Imperial College of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as "Imperial College") and St. Mary's Hospital Medical School (hereinafter referred to as "the Medical School") for leave to introduce in the present Session a Bill (hereinafter referred to as "the Bill") under the above name or short title for the purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

1. To unite the Medical School with Imperial College.
2. To transfer to Imperial College all rights, properties and liabilities of the Medical School.
3 To provide that bequests or other benefits in favour of the Medical School shall on and after 1st August 1988 apply in favour of Imperial College.
4. To provide for various powers or rights of the Medical School to nominate members of certain bodies to be transferred to Imperial College.
5. To make provision with respect to the administration and management of certain funds relating to Imperial College.
6. To enact provisions incidental to or consequential upon the above mentioned purposes.

On and after the 4th day of December 1987 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies thereof may be obtained at the price of 50p each at the Senate House, University of London, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU, Imperial College of Science and Technology, London SW7 2AZ and St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, Norfolk Place, London W2 1PG, and at the offices of the undersigned Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents.

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in either or both Houses of Parliament. The last date for the deposit of such a Petition in the First House will be 6th February 1988 if the Bill originates in the House of Lords or 30th January 1988 if it originates in the House of Commons. Further information may be obtained from the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords or the undersigned Parliamentary Agents.

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LEGAL NOTICES

TILEMAN OVERSEAS LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that a meeting of the creditors of the company will be held at Cinema 1, Barbican Conference Centre, London EC2 on 17 December 1987 at 12.15pm. The meeting is called by the Joint Receivers of the Company under the provisions of Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986

Creditors will be entitled to vote at the meeting in person or by proxy providing the details of their claim against the Company have been lodged with the Receiver by no later than 12.00 midday on 16 December 1987. Any proxy form must be lodged with the Receivers either prior to or during the meeting.

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-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

Notice is Hereby Given that a Petition was on the 9th November 1987 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Capital of the above-named Company from £22,500,000 to £7,900,000

And Notice is Further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Peter Gibson at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Monday the 14th day of December 1987

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 4th day of December 1987

Ashurst Morris Crisp
Broadgate House, 7 Eldon Street
London, EC2M 7HD
Solicitors for the said Company

LEGAL NOTICES

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that a meeting of the creditors of the company will be held at Cinema 1, Barbican Conference Centre, London EC2 on 17 December 1987 at 11.45am. The meeting is called by the Joint Receivers of the Company under the provisions of Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986.

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that a meeting of the creditors of the company will be held at Cinema 1, Barbican Conference Centre, London EC2 on 17 December 1987 at 10.00am. The meeting is called by the Joint Receivers of the Company under the provisions of Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986

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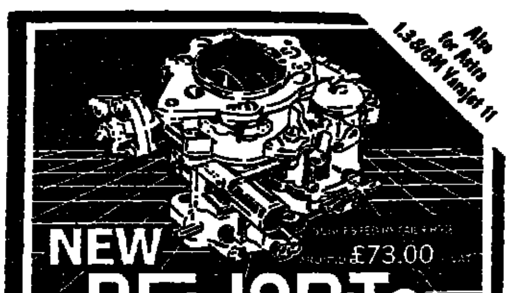
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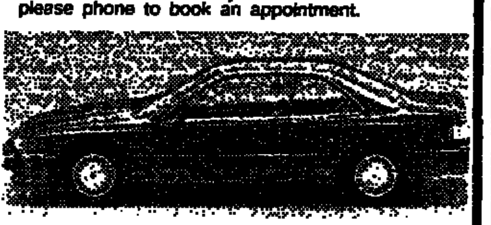

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No. 006562 of 1987
IN THE MATTER OF THE PRIVATE CAPITAL PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that a petition was on the 11th day of November 1987 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by £5,350,000.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Peter Gibson at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 14th day of December 1987.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said company desiring to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 2nd day of December 1987

DURRANT PIESSE
73 Cheapside
London EC2V 6ER
Solicitors for the above-named Company
Ref: KJP/DSB/P 8919.

IN THE MATTER OF SHEETDALE LIMITED
(In Members Voluntary Liquidation)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that Richard Moore of Moore Stephens ST PAUL'S HOUSE, WARWICK LANE, LONDON, EC4P 4BN was appointed liquidator of the above named company on 23rd November 1987

Creditors are required on or before 31st December 1987 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the liquidator, and, if so required by notice in writing from the liquidator, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debtors are proved
DATED this twentyfourth day of November 1987

RICHARD MOORE
Liquidator

N B. This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

TILEMAN ESTATES LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that a meeting of the creditors of the company will be held at Cinema 1, Barbican Conference Centre, London EC2 on 17 December 1987 at 11.30am. The meeting is called by the Joint Receivers of the Company under the provisions of Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Creditors will be entitled to vote at the meeting in person or by proxy providing the details of their claim against the Company have been lodged with the Receiver by no later than 12.00 midday on 16 December 1987. Any proxy form must be lodged with the Receivers either prior to or during the meeting.
JGA Phillips ACA and CG Bird FCA
Joint Receivers
Price Waterhouse, No.1 London Bridge,
London SE1 9QL

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RE: SLATE LIMITED BY ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT DATED THE 9TH APRIL 1987. NEVILLE ECKLEY F.C.A. OF 332 BRIGHTON ROAD, SOUTH CROYDON, HAS BEEN APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR OF THE ABOVE NAMED COMPANY WITH A COMMITTEE OF INSPECTION
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The new and luxuriously equipped Nissan 1.6 LS

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By a remarkable omission however, the door mirrors have no interior adjustment mechanism – manual or electric.

The 2-litre SGX which boasted one of the most lavish specifications of any mass-produced car has been made more attractive to buyers by reducing its specification marginally and cutting its price from £11,550 to £10,500. It is now called the GSX.

The changes have two objectives: to make the "home grown" Bluebird more attractive to fleet buyers by "outspec-ing" the market leader Ford's Sierra and to increase the EEC parts content of the cars assembled at the plant in Washington, Tyne and Wear.

Several of the additional "goodies" are purchased in the EEC including expensive German radios. This ploy has boosted the local content to the 60 per cent minimum required to qualify them as EEC products.

Stan Cholaj, assistant managing director of Nissan UK, admits that restricting each engine's size to one level of equipment is a gamble. He points out however that with a Nissan factory on his doorstep it will take only three weeks to introduce further specification changes if they prove necessary.

He is also taking another gamble, this time with the quality and reliability of his British Bluebirds. Recent speeches by Japanese and British Nissan executives have claimed that Washington's quality is the equal, and in some cases better, than that of the parent factory in Japan. Now they are submitting that claim to independent tests.

Last week, with a number of other motoring journalists I collected a 1.6 LS straight from the assembly line, after waiting for the standard pre delivery service, set off home.

The engine felt quite tight as I drove cautiously south on A19 keeping below 60 mph. Eighty miles later it began to rev noticeably freer. By the time I reached home, 240 miles from Washington, it was proving difficult to restrain below 70 mph.

The Bluebird will be the subject of a long-term test (six months) and I shall be reporting periodically on its health.

Citroen sets sights on charismatic BMW

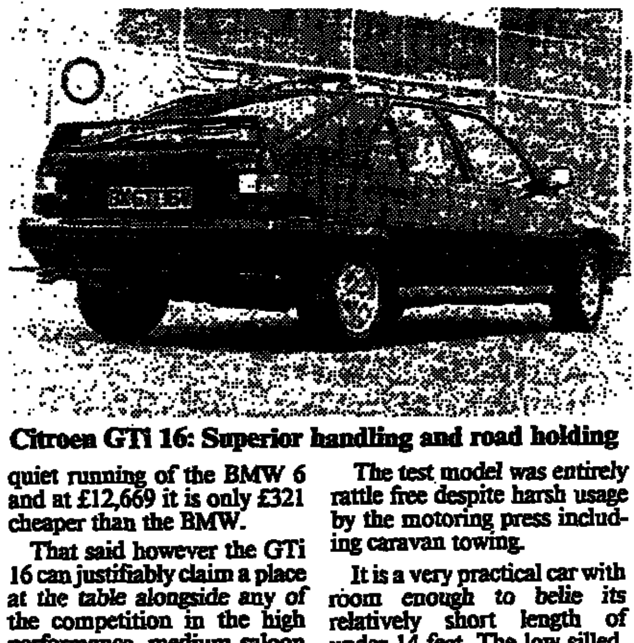
Citroen is the latest in a growing number of hunters with BMW in their sights. As a much respected motor trade figure told me recently: "BMW's name is worth an extra £2,000 on the retail price of its cheapest model and up to £6,000 on the new de luxe 7 series.

"BMW's rise from being a manufacturer of quite ordinary cars to one with charisma and sex appeal is the envy of the motor industry. That is why rivals are trying to put themselves in the same bracket as BMW by aggressive advertising aimed solely at associating their name with BMW."

Whole page advertisements for Citroen's BX 19 GTi are doing just that. They point out that it is faster than the BMW 320i and has electric windows, fog lights, sunroof, ABS anti-lock braking, and power assisted steering which the BMW does not. Finally it costs £10,511 while the BMW sets you back £12,990.

But then those are the debatable perks that come with the BMW name.

There are more tangible assets however, not least the most refined six-cylinder engine in the business. The latest 16 valve version of Citroen's four cylinder, all-alloy, 1.9 twin cam is a remarkably powerful unit but it lacks the turbine-like smoothness and quiet running of the BMW 6 and at £12,669 it is only £321 cheaper than the BMW.



Citroen GTi 16: Superior handling and road holding

That said however the GTi 16 can justifiably claim a place at the table alongside any of the competition in the high performance, medium saloon sector including the turbos. Its handling and road holding are superior to the BMW's. The BX's hydropneumatic suspension is superb, making the chassis one of the best around today.

The test model was entirely rattle free despite harsh usage by the motoring press including caravan towing.

It is a very practical car with room enough to belie its relatively short length of under 14 feet. The low silled, wide opening hatchback and folding rear seats should appeal to the driver who needs such versatility to cope with a growing family but still yearns for "thump in the back" performance.

Vital statistics

Model: Citroen BX GTi 16
Price: £12,669
Engine: 1905 cc, fuel injected, four cylinder.
Performance: 0-62 mph 7.9 sec, maximum speed 135 mph.
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RUGBY LEAGUE

Laying to rest a parochial image

By Keith Macklin

Just over four years ago a quiet revolution took place that is only now beginning to make a tangible impact on the game.

The cumbersome old carthorse, the council meeting of club chairmen and representatives, with its divisional factions and rivalries, was replaced by a streamlined nine-man management committee whose latest high-profile act has been a vigorous clamp-down on brawling.

The former council was, rather unfairly but with a modicum of truth, likened to a collection of butchers, bakers, candlestick makers and street corner grocers who met in Leeds once a month, nodded their heads in agreement at suggested official policy, then went back to their homes and businesses.

This picture stuck fast, despite the fact that many chairmen and members were hard-working and dedicated men who cared about Rugby League.

Led by David Oxley, the secretary-general, League officials created the management committee, whose nine members are chosen by a vote of the full 34-man council.

Since then the work load and efficiency of administration have developed at a staggering pace.

The committee meets every fortnight and there are many other social and private gatherings. The composition is impressive and it has rid the game of its small-time, parochial image.

The present committee is chaired by Bob Ashby, who has a major construction business in the north, and other members include company chairmen, self-employed businessmen running profitable companies, a physical education officer with a local authority, a retired head teacher and a purchasing director with a major international company.

David Howes, the League's public relations officer, says: "This is the type of business acumen and capacity for decision-making that we need as the 13-a-side code expands domestically and internationally."

The topics that are discussed, virtually on a day-to-day basis, through telephone calls as well as meetings, include ground safety legislation involving more than £2 million in grants to clubs, the introduction of freedom of contract, the examination of the financial structure of the game, the World Cup and next season's Australasian tour.

Ashby typifies the energy and dedication required of management committee members.

He resigned as chairman of Featherstone Rovers to devote more time to his committee work and frequently delegates responsibility for his affluent business to travel and debate on behalf of the Rugby League.

Recently, he has been to Papua New Guinea, Sydney and Los Angeles — for the New South Wales versus Queensland match — and next month will go to Hawaii for a summit meeting of the world's Rugby League authorities.

Ashby said yesterday: "When I took on the job of chairman I had no idea what was involved. We are so busy now that the time may not be too far away when the League will have to appoint a full-time chief executive to handle it."

TENNIS: WORLD No. 1 TO BE HIS OWN MANAGER

Lendl set to raise his takings by playing a percentage game

From Richard Evans, New York

Ivan Lendl wants to get into player management and the player he wants to manage is Ivan Lendl.

The news, unofficial as yet, that the world No. 1 is about to sever his long relationship with Donald Dell's management company, ProServ, was the talking point in the corridors of Madison Square Garden here on a night that the Swedes, Stefan Edberg and Mats Wilander, made a flying start in the Nabisco Masters round-robin format.

Edberg, looking very much a contender for the title, outplayed Pat Cash in a devastating final set, winning 6-4, 4-6, 6-1, while Wilander finally worked out the mysteries of Miloslav Mecir's game to win 6-4, 6-1.

Lendl, I understand, has hired a public relations company to act on his behalf but is keen to handle his own affairs and merely use them as a mouthpiece. He may discover the job is more time consuming than he imagines.

During the early part of his career Lendl was looked after by the intelligent Polish player, Wojtek Fibak, who taught him a great deal about the way business is conducted in the United States. Then, on the strength of the relationship he had struck up with Lendl while working for the former Grand Prix sponsors, Volvo, Jerry Solomon was hired by ProServ to act as the Czechoslovak's personal agent.

Solomon proved so good at his job that he was recently promoted to become ProServ's chief operating officer and consequently found less time to devote to the company's biggest money-earner. This probably has had a big influence on Lendl's surprising decision to go his own way.

Solomon seemed perplexed by the situation yesterday. "It's true that our business relationship with Ivan is changing but frankly I am not sure how or why," Solomon said. "I can't really say anything more because I simply don't know."

Ironically, the Skins game that earned Lendl over $500,000 (about £272,000) for a few days' work in Florida last week was a ProServ instigated event and the Washington-based firm would have taken its customary cut of around 20 per cent.

Tie-break: Lendl to sever his connection with Donald Dell

Like the golfer, Jack Nicklaus, who left Mark McCormack's International Management Group midway through his career, Lendl wants to keep all those percentages for himself. As he earns well over $5 million a year, the sums of money involved are not inconsiderable.

A possible $210,000 is on the line here for the player who can win the title without losing a match. Lendl's chances of collecting it all, however, looked marginally less secure after Edberg's performance.

The Swede, aged 21, had not played since winning the Stockholm Open more than three weeks ago but, once he had decided which string tension he preferred on the medium-fast Supreme Carpet, Cash had no chance.

"What could I do?" the Wimbledon champion asked. "The guy's a terrific player and he played an unbelievable third set. If he hits three winners in one game, that's too good. I wasn't disappointed with the way I played. I thought I played quite well."

That assessment gives some indication of the level Edberg has now reached. As he proved while meeting Lendl in Tokyo, the sweet-natured Swede has developed an iron will in Tony Pickard's workshop and it was powerful enough here to ruin any chance Cash had of giving his own coach, Ian Barclay, a happy birthday present.

Three stunning winners in the sixth game of the final set, one a superb running backhand that clipped the line, settled the issue.

On the basis of not having lost a set, Wilander moved to the top of the Pancho Segura Group after his surprisingly decisive victory over Mecir, who normally sets him all manner of intricate problems.

Brad Gilbert beat Jimmy Connors 6-4, 7-6 and was relieved to have done so. Despite a heavy cold that had him spluttering between points, Connors, aged 35, played some wonderful tennis, fighting back from 3-5 to force the second set into the tie-break and then leading by five points to three. But two backhand volley errors allowed Gilbert off the hook.

RESULTS: Pancho Segura Group: S Edberg (Swe) bt P Cash (Aus), 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; M Wilander (Swe) bt M Mecir (Cz), 6-4, 6-1. Rod Laver Group: B Gilbert (US) bt J Connors (US), 6-4, 7-6.

MOTOR RACING

Tribute to Spice's successive titles

By John Blunsden

The rare achievement of winning three world championships in consecutive years has been honoured by the Guild of Motoring Writers, who have voted Gordon Spice the 1987 Driver of the Year. Spice, aged 47, received his award last night from Lord Strathcarron, the guild's president and chairman, at the Royal Automobile Club.

Spice began racing in 1963 with a Morgan sports car but after a varied career, which brought considerable success, in both saloon car and long-distance sports car racing, he has concentrated on the latter in recent years with such success that he has now completed a treble as the FIA world endurance drivers' champion in the C2 class.

Although outpaced by the more powerful C1 Jaguars and Porsches which have dominated the endurance racing scene, Spice's car, the Spice Fiero, which was designed and built by his own engineering company, has won its class seven times out of 10 this season, including the Le Mans 24 hours, in which he finished sixth overall.

Other victories came at the Jarama and Jerez circuits in Spain, at Monza in Italy, at the Norisring in West Germany, at Spa-Francochamps in Belgium and at Fuji in Japan.

Spice Engineering has also emerged the winners of the FIA world endurance C2 teams championship. Previous winners of the Driver of the Year award were Nigel Mansell last year, Derek Bell in 1985 and Niki Lauda in 1984.

Born in Dorset and brought up in Australia, Spice returned to Britain in the 1960s and has been as successful in business as on the track.

He sold encyclopaedias in order to buy his first car, then he opened a car accessory shop from which has grown a thriving cash-and-carry business which was turning over £20 million per year at the time of the company's flotation on the Stock Exchange last year.

He formed Spice Engineering in 1985, through which he is also engaged in the design and manufacture of sports cars for General Motors and other major companies.

Enlightening the dim and distant past

Sports writers of The Times *present their selections from the sports books of 1987. Today: MITCHELL PLATTS on the best from the world of golf.*

SPORTS BOOKS OF THE YEAR

The trouble with an historical account of any sport is that it can descend into tedium. In *Golf: An Illustrated History of the Game*, Robert Green's witty pen and passionate feel for the fairways invigorate the seven centuries of the game.

With an engaging style, Green enlightens the origins and examines the great championships and champions. He skilfully guides us from the early days, when golf was a fine excuse for gluttony ("a good exercise before sitting down for a sumptuous meal"), to the modern era and entrepreneurs such as Mark McCormack, who "has had his fingers in more pies than the Queen of Hearts ever baked".

Green does stray out of bounds in his "Household Names" chapter. Curiously he, or the publishers, regarded it as compulsory to include a contentious selection of only 30 players. Inevitably it meant excluding many, such as Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam, more familiar to the reader of today than, say, John Bull and Harold Hilton.

That Isao Aoki should find a place in Green's top 30 probably suggests the need to appease the Japanese market. Otherwise, the author remains on the straight and narrow, cleverly dovetailing history with humour.

For an insight into one of the four great championships *The US Open*, by Robert Sommers, who was for 20 years the editor of *Golf Journal*, the official magazine of the US Golf Association, colourfully charts the growth of the championship. He records how it has unfolded over the years and provides a personal appraisal of the likes of Harry Vardon and Bobby Jones, Ben Hogan and Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson.

He grasps, for example, Palmer's dynamic success in 1960 then compares it with his demise in 1966.

Palmer, described by Sommers as the Harrison Ford of the 1950s and 1960s, came from seven strokes behind with one round to play to win in 1960. In 1966 he stood seven strokes ahead of Billy Casper, with only nine holes to play, but lost in the play-off.

Golf, The Major Championship 1987 brings together the eloquent David Davies, golf correspondent of *The Guardian*, and the expertise of photographer Phil Sheldon. It is a fascinating study of how the headlines were made and the trophies won at the four showpiece championships of the calendar.

If a picture paints a thousand words, then *Golf: Tours and Detours*, with a foreword by Greg Norman and a last word by Peter Cook, is a marvellous example of that — and a credit to the exceptional artistry of the photographers, Lawrence Levy and Brian Morgan. Their collection of exciting and original photographs — such as Norman showing Dirty Harry how to play the game — taken over the past 10 years will gain them many coffee table admirers.

- ● *Golf: An Illustrated History of the Game* by Robert Green (Willow Books, £14.95).
- ● *The US Open* by Bob Sommers (Stanley Paul, £12.95).
- ● *Golf, The Major Championship 1987* by David Davies and Phil Sheldon (Partridge Press, £13.50).
- ● *Golf: Tours and Detours* by Lawrence Levy and Brian Morgan (Sackville Books, £14.95).

Holding the fort in leading stable

Charlie Brooks (left), filling the breach in Fred Winter's absence, shares a joke with Peter Spicer, one of the stable's owners, at Warwick yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

His master's fall thrusts Brooks into spotlight

Some people simply refuse to be deterred from this sporting life. Take Charlie Brooks. In a single week, while he was an impressionable 18-year-old, his ambitions were apparently devastated. Graham Taylor told him he was too small to be a goalkeeper and Fred Winter told him he was too big to be a jockey.

The family line of university, followed by a career in the City, seemed unavoidable. Brooks, however, is an engagingly determined character and, six years on, he will tomorrow be saddling and supervising the Winter-trained favourite for the day's major event at Sandown, while his recuperating guv'nor watches on television.

If Celtic Shot, as is widely expected, wins the Mecca Bookmakers' Handicap Hurdle, no praise will be too high for Brooks, who was educated at Eton and has handled the pressures of the 11 weeks since Winter's serious accident with an accomplished maturity.

Strong working relationship

He was enjoying a rare Sunday morning off, at the family home in Oxfordshire, when a phone call alerted him to the crisis. "It was ironical," he recalled. "We had been racing at Stratford the day before and the guv'nor had been in marvellous form.

"I actually remarked to someone that it was ages since I had seen him enjoy himself so much. When I heard he had had a fall, it didn't immediately sink in that it could be so serious. It didn't hit me until I went to visit him."

Winter, aged 61, was unconscious for many days but has since made a steady recovery. He came home on Monday, greeted with genuine affection by his stable staff, and although some way off being fit enough to resume at the helm, he is following the yard's routine with all his old interest.

"We sit down at breakfast every morning. I tell him what all the horses are doing and show him letters from owners," Brooks said.

Winter and Brooks may be from very different backgrounds but their relationship has grown ever stronger in those six years since Brooks first applied for the job as pupil-assistant.

"I was due to fly to New York the following day to start a university course but I had become obsessed with the idea of getting a job in a yard and riding ever since I spent Grand National day with my grandmother at the age of eight and we backed about 15 horses in the race."

Not surprisingly, Brooks did not get the job. "As I was leaving, I stopped and asked if he happened to have any vacancies for stable lads. It was quite spontaneous and he gave me a job on the spot. My mother was absolutely horrified."

There were times, Brooks now admits, when he suspected it had all been a ghastly mistake. Racing loses much of its glamour when you are mucking out in the half-light of mean winter mornings.

"After two years of this, I had decided to give up and go into the City. I was mowing the guv'nor's lawn one day when he marched out. He didn't look very pleased and I thought he was about to tell me I was even useless with a mower. Instead, he offered me the job as his assistant. He told me I had two days to give him an answer. I needed two seconds."

There is no history of racing in the Brooks family. His grandfather was one of the last coalmine owners before nationalization; his father was a farmer. Brooks even had to learn to ride at Uplands, so it is understandable that he ranks his Cheltenham Festival win on Observe last March as "the best moment of my life."

He has sacrified his riding now and is fully committed to being Winter's deputy for as long as he is wanted.

Relishing greater responsibility

"He asked me before the season if I had any plans. I told him I was happy to stay and that has not changed. I have plenty of time to think about training myself. I believe strongly in loyalty."

You sense that Brooks has risen to the challenge, relishing the responsibility. There is, however, not the slightest doubt that he is as pleased as the Winter family to have the boss home.

"I used to hear all these stories about him being a miserable man. Well, I have worked spells for four trainers in England and none of them laugh as much as the guv'nor."

Brooks knows Winter's human side. "He is a secret pool player, you know — he loves a game in a pub at lunch-time. And when the overseas cricket commentaries are on the radio on winter mornings, he phones me in the office every time a wicket falls."

Brooks knows, too, that Winter is the sort of man who will want to overcome the odds. He expects him to be back in charge before long.

Alan Lee

Law Report December 4 1987 House of Lords

Cargo vessel is 'equipment' for purposes of employers' liability Act

Coltman and Another v Bibby Tankers Ltd

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Roskill, Lord Griffiths, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Goff of Chieveley

[Speeches December 3]

A 90,000-ton cargo carrier was "equipment provided by [the] employer for the purposes of the employer's business" within section 1 of the Employer's Liability (Defective Equipment) Act 1969.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the plaintiffs, Mrs Eugenia Margaret Coltman and Mrs Alisa Elizabeth Martin, administratrices of the estate of Leo Thomas Mackenzie Coltman, who died on September 9, 1980, from the Court of Appeal (*The Times* January 27, 1987; [1987] 2 WLR 1098) who by a majority (Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Lloyd dissenting) allowed an appeal by the defendant employers, Bibby Tankers Ltd, from Mr Justice Sheen.

Mr Geoffrey Brice, QC and Miss Belinda Bucknall for the plaintiffs; Mr Kenneth Rokison, QC and Mr Robin Hay for the defendants.

LORD OLIVER said that Mr Coltman lad been third engineer on the Derbyshire, which had sunk with all hands off the coast of Japan while on a voyage from Canada with a cargo of iron ore.

The plaintiffs alleged that the sinking and Mr Coltman's death had been caused by the defendants' negligence. The particulars of negligence included allegations of defective construction and design of the Derbyshire rendering her unseaworthy.

It was pleaded that the defects, said to be attributable wholly or in part to fault on the part of the manufacturers, were defects in "equipment" provided by the defendants for the purposes of their business within the 1969 Act and thus deemed attributable to the defendants' negligence.

The defendants denied that the Derbyshire had constituted "equipment" within the meaning of the Act, and that question had been ordered to be tried as a preliminary issue.

It was common ground that the Act had been introduced with a view to rectifying what had been felt to be the possible hardship to an employee resulting from the decision of the House of Lords in *Davie v New Merton Board Mills Ltd* ([1959] AC 604).

There, the employee had been injured by a defective drift supplied to him by his employers. It had been held that the employers' duty had only been to take reasonable care to provide a reasonably safe tool and that that duty had been discharged by their having purchased from a reputable source an article whose latent defect they had had no means of discovering.

The purpose of the Act, as set out in the long title, was: "to make further provision with respect to the liability of an employer for injury to his employee which is attributable to any defect in equipment provided by the employer for the purposes of the employer's business . . .".

Section 1 provided: "(1) Where . . . (a) an employee suffers personal injury in the course of his employment in consequence of a defect in equipment provided by his employer for the purposes of the employer's business; and (b) the defect is attributable wholly or partly to the fault of a third party (whether identified or not), the injury shall be deemed to be also attributable to negligence on the part of the employer . . .

"(3) In this section . . . 'equipment' includes any plant and machinery, vehicle, aircraft and clothing . . .".

If subsection (1) stood alone, his Lordship would not have had any difficulty in concluding that, in the context of this Act, a ship was part of the "equipment" of the business of a shipowner.

No doubt that word was frequently and quite properly used to describe the appurtenances of some larger entity, but his Lordship could not see why its use should be so confined.

Moreover, the House was concerned not with the meaning of "equipment" *simpliciter* but of the composite phrase "equipment provided by his employer for the purposes of the employer's business".

His Lordship could think of no more essential equipment for the setting up and carrying on of the business of a shipowner than the ship or ships with which the business was carried on.

As Lord Justice Lloyd had observed (at p1104) one would talk naturally of a fleet being "equipped" with battleships, cruisers and destroyers or of the "equipment" of an expedition as including supply ships.

In his Lordship's judgment, a shipowner's fleet of ships was properly described as the equipment of his business.

It was said that "equipment" was to be distinguished from the factory or workplace in which working tools or machinery were provided or to which they were affixed and that a ship — or, certainly, an ocean-going vessel of the size of the Derbyshire — was akin to a factory in the sense that it provided the accommodation within which the employee did his work.

While, therefore, it was accepted that the various mechanical contrivances installed in or affixed to a vessel were properly described as equipment, the ship itself, taken as a whole, was, it was argued, not "equipment" because it constituted the employee's workplace.

No one, however, would regard the power-boat provided for the purpose of a water-skiing school or a pleasure launch on the Thames as being in the slightest degree akin to real estate or as being anything other than a chattel employed in a business.

Such a vessel would be comprehended in the term "equipment of the business" even in the most everday use of language, and his Lordship could see no justification for excluding from it some category of vessel merely by reason of its size and of its necessarily providing accommodation for the crew who were required to be on board in order to operate it for the proper carrying on of the business of carrying cargo from one part of the world to another.

It was, however, argued that subsection (1) did not stand alone. It had to be read in the context of an Act that also contained subsection (3), and it was that that constituted the strongest argument for the defendants.

Here, it was said, was a specific definition of "equipment" that went out of its way to include plant and machinery, vehicles and aircraft and clothing.

Was it conceivable, it was asked, that the draftsman of the Act, who had evidently regarded himself as indicating, in subsection (3), particular articles that might possibly not be thought of as ordinarily embraced in the phrase "equipment provided . . . for the purposes of . . . business", should have specifically included vehicles and aircraft but should have omitted any reference to vessels if such omission had not been intentional?

It was certainly curious that, having resolved to refer specifically to means of transport, the draftsman should have omitted to refer in terms to water transport, but his Lordship found himself entirely unpersuaded that there could be deduced from the omission an intention to cut down the very wide meaning of "equipment" in subsection (1) that was indicated both by the legislative purpose of the Act and by the width of the clarifying definition in subsection (3), which, having regard to the word "any" and to the purpose of the Act, should be widely construed so as to embrace every article of whatever kind furnished by the employer for the purposes of his business.

The limitation contended for would produce some quite extraordinary anomalies. Whatever might be embraced in the expression "plant and machinery", it quite clearly included any machinery installed in or affixed to a ship in the absence of some compelling context to the contrary, and there was no such context in the 1969 Act.

Thus, the exclusion from the definition of "equipment" of a ship itself produced the absurd position that the employer was liable for injury caused by defective machinery on or in the ship but not for injury caused by anything that could properly be described as constituting the ship itself, that is, the hull or a part of the hull.

That at once raised almost insoluble problems of demarcation. There simply was no context in the Act that enabled one to read "equipment" as including the ship's winches, derricks, generators, pumps, engine-room plant, steering gear and so on but as excluding the structure of the ship itself.

The alternative approach of treating all ships and all their gear, machinery and accoutrements as *sub silentio* excluded from the operation of the Act raised equal difficulty.

It seemed unarguable that "equipment" did not include at least some vessels. The example of a dredger had been suggested by Lord Justice Lloyd, and it was not difficult to think of other examples of water-borne craft that would clearly be properly styled "business equipment".

"Business" included, by definition in section 1(3), the operations of a public body. The customs cutter, the fire-tender or the Trinity House launch would, his Lordship should have thought, be quite clearly "equipment" of the operations for which they were provided.

If, then, some ships were equipment, where was the line to be drawn? It could not be drawn simply by reference to size as the majority of the Court of Appeal appeared to have concluded. There was no logic in such a criterion nor any functional difference between vessels of different types that enabled a line to be sensibly drawn.

The purpose of the Act had manifestly been to saddle the employer with liability for defective plant of every sort with which the employee was compelled to work in the course of his employment, and his Lordship could see no ground for excluding particular types of chattel merely on the ground of their size or the element on which operated.

Like Lord Justice Lloyd, his Lordship was impressed both by the width of the words used by the legislature and by the legislative purpose behind the Act, and he was driven to the same conclusion as he had reached.

Lord Keith and Lord Griffiths agreed and Lord Roskill and Lord Goff delivered concurring opinions.

Solicitors: Evill & Coleman, Putney; Holman Fenwick & Willan.

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Reasons for secrecy should be heard in private

Regina v Tower Bridge Justices, Ex parte Osborne

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Mann

[Judgment November 26]

When hearing an application for a direction that committal proceedings be heared *in camera*, a stipendiary magistrate should have acceded to a request to allow the reasons behind the application to be revealed *in camera*.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing an application by Janice Elizabeth Osborne for an order of *certiorari* to quash decisions of the Tower Bridge Stipendiary Magistrate (a) not to hear *in camera* her application for an order under section 11 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 that matters relating to her case be withheld from the public and (b) not to grant the order; and in granting an injunction to prohibit publication of the material which was disclosed.

Mr Iain MacLeod *for* the applicant; Mr David Howard Evans as *amicus curiae*.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the magistrate, exercising his discretion, refused to hear the evidence *in camera*. The solicitor representing the applicant was obliged to reveal sensitive matters the publication of which could have had serious consequences.

It would wholly frustrate the object of the application if the whole of the sensitive reasons had to be paraded in open court and put in danger of publication while justices decided whether or not to exercise their discretion. Therefore, when hearing such applications justices should accede to requests to hear the reasons *in camera*.

In that way the court could determine whether there was any substance in the application without prejudicing the applicant. If there was no substance in it the hearing would return to open court.

In this case the magistrate was faced with an application the nature of which should have informed him at the outset to go *in camera* to determine it.

Unfortunately, granting *certiorari* to quash the decision to allow the application to be heard in open court would have no practical effect. So the question had to be considered whether the court had jurisdiction to grant an injunction.

Some of the sensitive material would find its way into evidence in the crown court. The Divisional Court had no jurisdiction to suggest that the crown court adopt any particular attitude to the information.

However, the court did have jurisdiction over the information revealed in the magistrates court under section 31(2) of the Supreme Court Act 1981.

His Lordship did not hesitate in granting a permanent injunction to prohibit publication of that material. The effect of that would be that no one would be entitled to publish any of the material which was revealed before the magistrate.

Mr Justice Mann agreed.

Solicitors: Nash & Dowell, Holloway; Crown Prosecution Service, Inner London.

RACING: SHERWOOD'S HIGHLY-RATED FOUR-YEAR-OLD EXPECTED TO MAKE A WINNING DEBUT OVER HURDLES

Ryco to underline his potential in appetizing Sandown contest

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Visitors to Sandown Park today have a treat in store when Deep Treasure and Ryco, two of the most talked about of the many promising young horses in Upper Lambourn, take each other on in the PSB National Hunt Guide Novices' Hurdle.

And, to add spice to the rivalry, they *happen to* be trained respectively by Fred Winter and his son-in-law, Oliver Sherwood.

It is not surprising to find Deep Treasure in Winter's care or in the ownership of *Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin* for that matter.

For they had his good but sadly ill-fated elder brother Deep Wealth as well as another close relation, that talented steeplechaser Fifty Dollars More.

By all accounts Deep Treasure has shown time and time again that he has inherited his family's ability when he has worked around Mandown. But the fact remains this will be his first *race of any* description.

On the other hand, Ryco, owned by the Atrabates Cricket Club who have already had such fun with the mare bearing their name, gained some priceless experience at Newbury last month when he finished a highly creditable third behind Real Class and Ryde Again in what appeared to be a well-contested bumper.

Considering he was last at the beginning of the straight that day, Ryco worked a minor miracle in my eyes to finish where he did. In the circumstances, those who made him second favourite were probably unfortunate not to collect.

As Ryco is also said to have worked and jumped well in practice recently, that experience could easily stand him in good stead this afternoon and he is my selection.

Today's nap, though, is Clara Mountain to win the Palace Handicap Chase. Last time out Tim Forster's eight-*year-old finished third* at Wincanton, beaten 2½ lengths and two lengths by Sun Rising and Imperial Champagne, who were receiving 11lb and *23lb respectively.*

With Sun Rising then winning the Rip Handicap Chase at Ascot not long afterwards and Imperial Champagne collecting the Lord Stalbridge Memorial Gold Cup at the next meeting on the Somerset track that form has a good solid ring about it.

In contrast Malya Mal, Summons and Brave Hussar all ran badly in the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham last time out. Over two miles French Union would be hard to beat but over today's longer distance Clara Mountain should have the edge.

With Anything Better, Rowlandsons Jewels, *Slalom* and Black Monkey all standing their ground, there should be keen betting in the ring *before the Chrysalis Winter* Novices' Hurdle.

Anything Better was out of *his depth at Newbury last* Saturday when he finished only fifth behind Celtic Chief in the Gerry Feilden Hurdle.

While today's opposition does not look so daunting, I still doubt whether he can beat Slalom, whose recent easy win over a similar distance at Wolverhampton was no more than many expected after watching his promising first run behind Away We Go and Biloxi Blues, both winners since, at Kempton.

With Colin Tinkler's horses continuing to run so well over hurdles after what was his best Flat *racing* season, no one should be surprised to see Starwood win the Curlew Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle at Southwell where Christo may well be up to coping with Pyleigh Court in the Moorhen Novices' Hurdle after winning by 10 lengths at Market Rasen only last Saturday.

At Bangor, *Garrison* Savannah appeals as a good bet to win the Wheelback Novices' Hurdle after showing the requisite stamina at Worcester last time out.

Telegraph Bush has Ayr target

Telegraph Bush, trained by George Renilson, has the Scottish Grand National at Ayr as his long-term objective after gaining a hard-fought victory in the Dalston Handicap Chase at Carlisle yesterday.

Renilson, who saddled King Con to win the Scottish National in 1978, said: "Telegraph Bush is not as good as King Con, but I must aim him for the big race as he is that type of horse."

Telegraph Bush and Chris Dennis held off the determined challenge of Gretta's Legacy by a neck, *but the field had been* reduced to four by the withdrawal of the well-fancied Tullamarine, who coughed twice *on the way to the start.*

Gordon Richards, the trainer of Tullamarine, had better luck when Rinus, under a patient ride from Phil Tuck, registered his fifth win from as many starts at Carlisle in the Heads Nook Novices' Chase, beating Brandy Hambro by 12 *lengths.*

Preston-based trainer Eric Alston, landed his first success of the season when Hitchenstown, the 5-4 favourite, won division two of the Caldbeck Novices' Hurdle. Stainton Gypsy, the first runner as a *trainer for former jockey* Jonathan Haynes, finished unplaced.

Bold Arrangement, the Kentucky Derby runner-up, who has been retired to stand at the Kilshannig Stud in Ireland

Bold Arrangement is retired to Irish stud

By Simon O'Loughlin

Bold Arrangement, who when runner-up to Ferdinand in the *1986* Kentucky Derby was the first British-trained horse to contest the premier American classic, has been retired to stud.

He will stand at Hugo Merry's Kilshannig Stud near Fermoy, Co Cork, at a fee of Ir£4,000 no foal no fee.

Merry said at Newmarket December sales yesterday that the horse would move from Clive Brittain's yard to Ireland next week.

Tony and Ray Richards raced Bold Arrangement and retain ownership, although Merry has taken a financial stake.

A tough and versatile son of that successful young stallion Persian Bold, Bold Arrangment was a high-class juvenile and won four times. He failed to win at three or four, and does not boast a pattern race victory, but he performed well in the best company on both sides of the Atlantic.

Also off to stud are Verd-Antique and Treasure Hunter while Camden Town, sire of Cockney Lass, has been relocated to the Ballykisteen Stud.

Sheikh Mohammed's Verd-Antique has been bought in a private transaction by the Richard O'Gorman Agency. He will be syndicated to stand at the Vagerstorp Stud, near Gothenburg, Sweden.

Trained by Henry Cecil to win the Yorkshire Cup last season, Verd-Antique suffered from back trouble but was always highly regarded by his trainer.

Jimmy Fitzgerald's eight-year-old Northumberland Plate winner Treasure Hunter will join jumping sires Pollerton and Sexton Blake at auctioneer David Pimm's Anngrove Stud.

Action in the sales ring at Newmarket yesterday was rather muted compared to the dramatic events of the previous day. The December sales end tomorrow.

Gifford and Rowe land long-priced treble

Josh Gifford and Richard Rowe brought off a 3,824½-1 treble at Warwick yesterday with Vincanto, Lucky Rascal and Envopak Token. It would have been double those odds had not Vincanto hd to share the spoils with Malandrin.

Judge Michael Hancock could not separate the pair in the first division of the Askett Novices' Hurdle as they raced home clear of Prime Number.

It was another close call in the *Cherington Novices' Handicap* Hurdle in which Envopak Token held on by a head from topweight Royal Gossip.

Envopak Token, a 33-1 shot, was running for the first time for 18 months, and Rowe put up 2lb overweight on the chestnut, who provided Sevenoaks owner Frank Arthur with his first success, although he has had a small share in a syndicated winner.

Lucky Rascal won the Longbridge Handicap Chase by a convincing 2½ lengths from *Salehurst and surprised Gifford* after working badly the previous morning. "I still have some coughing in the stable — really I *don't know what to make of it,*" he said.

"We were disappointed with Lucky Rascal at Kempton and *decided to bring him here,* hoping a win in lower class would enable him to gain his confidence. I am convinced he is a horse who will get three miles," added Gifford.

Mr Frisk, who missed the Hennessy Gold Cup after his Cheltenham fall, gave a fine display of jumping when he led all the way to win the Shipston Handicap Chase.

"He *will* be entered for the Cheltenham Gold Cup in case anything goes wrong with the leading contenders and the ground becomes good, which would be to his liking. But he is more likely to go for the Ritz Club National Hunt Handicap Chase," said East Ilsley trainer Kim Bailey.

More immediate objectives for Mrs Harry Duffey's eight-year-old are perhaps a race at Cheltenham at the end of next week, and definitely the £15,000 chase at Wetherby on Boxing Day. "He likes the northern track," Bailey pointed out.

Steve Smith Eccles said that some of Nicky Henderson's *horses were "not right"* after he pulled up Imdamelody but then rode his first winner since he returned from a seven-week spell out of action through injury when he landed Round Two of the Erostin Group Great Britain versus Australia Novices' Handicap Hurdle on Yankee Silver. British riders held the first three places and now lead 30-16.

SANDOWN PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

12.55 CLARA MOUNTAIN (nap).
1.25 Friendly Henry.
2.00 Slalom.
2.30 Knock Hill.
3.00 Ryco.
3.30 Holtermann.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.00 Slalom.

Going: good

12.55 PALACE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,210: 2m 4f 68yd) (8 runners)

103 3221-2P MALYA MAL 20 (F,G,S) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) F Winter 8-11-10 P Scudamore 96
104 1101-20 SUMMONS 20 (F,G,S) (Mrs S Embiricos) J Gifford 8-11-8 R Rowe 97
107 2F120-40 FRENCH UNION 21 (F,G) (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 9-11-5 R Dunwoody ● 99
108 020-030 WELSH OAK 48 (F,G,S) (G Amey) D Gandolfo 7-11-3 S Smith Eccles 96
109 2100-13 CLARA MOUNTAIN 22 (CD,G,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 8-11-2 H Davies 98
110 233110 BRAVE HUSSAR 20 (F,G,S) (S Glazer) R Curtis 9-11-0 R Goldstein 93
116 00310U- EVENING SONG 245 (G,S) (P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley 8-10-0 Mr P Townsley 86
118 01P0/F0- CONCLUSIVE 422 (F) (R Shaw) Miss E Sneyd 8-10-0 R Beggan —

BETTING: 11-4 Summons, 3-1 Clara Mountain, 9-2 Malya Mal, 6-1 French Union, 7-1 Brave Hussar, 10-1 Welsh Oak, 14-1 Evening Song, 50-1 Conclusive.

1986: SIMON LEGREE 9-11-7 R Rowe (5-2) J Gifford 5 ran

FORM SUMMONS disappointed when 8th (10-2) in the Mackeson with BRAVE HUSSAR (10-0) 9th and MALYA MAL (10-4) pulled up; previously 2½l 2nd (11-10) to Music Be Magic (10-12) at Cheltenham (2m 4f, £4636, good to soft, Oct 21, 7 ran).
BRAVE HUSSAR scored 8l Newbury victory (10-7) *over MALYA MAL (11-6) (2m 4f, £5055, good, Oct* 23, 5 ran).
FRENCH UNION ran poorly at Cheltenham last time (2m, soft) and has yet to score beyond an extended 2m; looks fairly handicapped, however, on last season's 1½l Cheltenham defeat (11-3) of St William (10-2) (2m, £12198, good, Mar 17, 16 ran).
WELSH OAK poor 5th at Kempton (3m) since going down by a head and neck (11-0) to Villierstown (11-10) at Cheltenham (2m 4f, £3779, good to firm, Oct 7, 5 ran).
CLARA MOUNTAIN has strong claims on 4½l Wincanton 3rd (11-10) to Sun Rising (10-13) (2m 5f, £4573, soft, Nov 12, 8 ran).
Selection: CLARA MOUNTAIN

1.25 BOOKHAM NOVICES CHASE (£3,178: 3m 118yd) (9 runners)

201 F3-11P2 DOUBLE UP 31 (F) (Mrs P Hargreaves) Mrs P Hargreaves 10-11-4 — 93
202 4-U1122 PUCKS PLACE 8 (G) (J Belfrage) N Gaselee 6-11-4 P Scudamore 81
203 421-224 BUTTON YOUR LIP 11 (B,BF,G,S) (Mrs C Green) D Nicholson 5-10-12 R Dunwoody 85
205 004-UP4 CROCSOX 13 (G) (Primeat Ltd Crocodile Tears) H O'Neill 6-10-12 G McCourt —
206 1622/ DIRECT APPROACH 601 (S) (H Joel) J Gifford 7-10-12 R Rowe —
207 3U32-00 FRIENDLY HENRY 13 (R Wright) J Fox 7-10-12 B Powell ● 99
208 P GOLDEN OZY 10 (R Allen) R Curtis 8-10-12 R Goldstein —
209 0340-12 MET OFFICER 17 (BF,G,S) (J Hancock) M Skinner 7-10-12 G Bradley 82
211 4002-3 SUFFOLK DOWNS 23 (P Barber) J Old 5-10-12 S McNeill 97

BETTING: 11-4 Pucks Place, 7-2 Friendly Henry, 9-2 Direct Approach, 5-1 Button Your Lip, 8-1 Suffolk Downs, 12-1 Met Officer, 14-1 Double Up, 25-1 others.

1986: CRAMMER 6-10-12 C Brown (7-1) D Murray-Smith 9 ran

FORM DOUBLE UP, successful in novices' chases at Hereford (2m 3f) and Warwick (2m 4f), was 30l clear of remainder when ½l 2nd (11-9) to Flamenco Dancer (10-1) in Fontwell handicap latest start (3m 2f 110yd, £2414, good to soft, Nov 3, 9 ran).
PUCKS PLACE runner-up at Warwick and Wincanton last two starts; earlier (11-0) overcame last fence blunder to beat BUTTON YOUR LIP (10-12) 1l at Worcester (2m 4f, £1704, good, Oct 9, 16 ran).
FRIENDLY HENRY moves down in class following 13¾l 6th of 7 (10-4) to Sun Rising (11-9) in competitive Ascot handicap (3m, £7154, good to soft, Nov 21).
MET OFFICER won Southwell novices' chase (3m 110yd) and subsequently, in handicap on same course, finished ½l 2nd (11-1) to Celair (11-7) (3m 110yd, £1836, soft, Nov 17, 9 ran).
SUFFOLK DOWNS stays 3m over hurdles; 7l 3rd (11-6) to Smart Tar (11-10) at Newbury (2m 4f, £3475, soft, Nov 11, 9 ran) on first run over fences.
Selection: FRIENDLY HENRY

2.0 CHRYSALIS WINTER NOVICES HURDLE (Grade II: £4,568: 2m 5f 75yd) (10 runners)

301 3-11219 ANYTHING BETTER 5 (F,S) (Lady Harris) G Balding 4-11-6 G Bradley ● 99
302 02-1111 ROWLANDSONS JEWELS 21 (F,G,S) (Rowlandsons) D Murray-Smith 6-11-6 P Croucher 93
303 41 SLALOM 10 (S) (Mrs M Russell) M Robinson 6-11-6 J White 84
305 302-032 BLACK MONKEY 9 (S) (L Connell) D Nicholson 5-11-0 R Dunwoody 84
306 220-000 GEX 14 (Venture Chemicals Ltd) R Akehurst 4-11-0 Dale McKeown 80
307 00FP/PP GRAHAMES PADDY 13 (G Dedman) Mrs P Townsley 7-11-0 Mr P Townsley —
309 0/ MR LION 700 (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 5-11-0 Mr T Mitchell —
310 200-3 SIR'S AT THE GIN 30 (F) (Mrs P Gibbings) J Gifford 6-11-0 E Murphy 86
311 034-11 WINTER HAVEN 36 (G) (J Davis) J Baker 4-11-0 M Williams 87
313 430-003 WELSH BLUEBELL 10 (Mrs M Wilson) G Roe 5-10-9 P McDermott 88

BETTING: 5-2 Rowlandsons Jewels, 3-1 Slalom, 5-1 Anything Better, 7-1 Sir's At The Gin, 8-1 Winter Haven, 12-1 Black Monkey, 14-1 Gex, 16-1 Welsh Bluebell, 33-1 others.

1986: *BUCKSKIN'S BEST* 4-11-0 C Jones (40-1) R Dickin 11 ran

FORM ANYTHING BETTER had a stiff task when 5th to Celtic Chief at Newbury last saturday; more realistically judged on (11-5) 2l Ascot win (2m, £2467, good to soft, Nov 20, 15 ran) over Lord Toranaga (11-0) with GEX (11-0) over 20l 7th.
ROWLANDSONS JEWELS completed *four-timer* with (11-10) 4l Cheltenham win (3m 1f, £2223, soft, *Nov 13, 22 ran) over Royal Gossip (11-0).*
SLALOM (10-12) easy 8l winner of a Wolverhampton novices' race (2m 4f, £2581, heavy, Nov 24, 13 ran) with WELSH BLUEBELL (10-7) 2l 3rd. Well regarded.
BLACK MONKEY (11-0) short head 2nd to Edwards Vision (11-0) at Haydock last time (2m 4f, £1652, soft, Nov 25, 13 ran). May improve further over this longer trip.
SIR'S AT THE GIN (11-0) *running-on* 5½l 3rd to Steeple View (11-0) on Newbury reappearance (2m 100yd, £2220, good, Nov 4, 24 ran).
WINTER HAVEN (11-3) comfortable ¾l winner from Simon Damien (10-10) at Wincanton last time (2m 6f, £945, good, Oct 29, 20 ran).
Selection: ANYTHING BETTER

2.30 GLOBAL HOMES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,410: 3m 5f 18yd) (10 runners)

401 3PF-001 KNOCK HILL 20 (G,S) (P Thompson) J Webber 11-11-12 M Perrett 94
402 611P-03 MEMBERSON 11 (C,F,G,S) (P Dufosee) P Dufosee 9-11-2 Mr R Bellamy (7) 97
404 1F40-22 DART OVER 11 (BF,G,S) (P Pocock) Miss L Pocock 11-10-12 P Richards ● 99
406 6/4300-4 INSURE 24 (S) (Mrs E Turner) F Winter 9-10-10 P Scudamore 94
407 1130-01 ETON ROUGE 27 (S) (Mrs B Jenks) Mrs M Rimell 8-10-8 D Browne 94
410 1P30-31 MY MAJOR 20 (S) (Mrs G Godfrey) P Harris 8-10-2 K Mooney 92
411 23-8032 HARVEST FORTUNE 14 (B,S) (J Cockerill) P Hobbs 7-10-1 Peter Hobbs 94
412 PP3224- FAIR CHILD 228 (S) (Mrs S Watts) D Murray-Smith 7-10-0 P Croucher 96
413 P133-02 STEEL YEOMAN 13 (B,S) (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 9-10-0 R Rowe 94
415 2P14-00 *DODDY'S SPECIAL 27 (S) (Miss H Handel) Miss H Handel 12-10-0* L Harvey 78

BETTING: 7-2 Eton Rouge, 9-2 Knock Hill, 5-1 Insure, 6-1 Dart Over, 7-1 Steel Yeoman, 8-1 My Major, 10-1 Harvest Fortune, 12-1 Memberson, 14-1 Fair Child, 20-1 others.

1986: LUCKY VANE 11-11-9 J Frost (11-2) G Balding 8 ran

FORM *KNOCK HILL (10-0) best The* Langholm Dyer (10-5) 4l at Cheltenham (3m 4f, £4581, soft, Nov 14, 7 ran) last time. Thorough stayer.
DART OVER (11-6) had MEMBERSON (11-10) a distance 3rd when ½l 2nd to Crowecopper (10-4) at Windsor (3m, £2023, good to soft, Nov 23, 4 ran).
ETON ROUGE (11-4) stayed on strongly over 3m 4f 180yd at Warwick (£3967, good to soft, Nov 7, 12 ran) to beat Nether Wallop (11-2) 1l with *HARVEST* FORTUNE (11-5) 17½l 6th.
MY MAJOR (11-0) improved to beat Roll-A-Joint (11-0) 4l at Windsor (3m, £2540, good to soft, Nov 14, 9 ran). Also effective over this longer trip.
FAIR CHILD (10-1) 12l 2nd to Torside (11-7) at Taunton last season (3m 5f, £3465, good to soft, *Mar 26, 9 ran)* with *HARVEST FORTUNE* (10-7) 2l 3rd and DART OVER (11-4) a short head 4th.
STEEL YEOMAN (10-1) caught last strides when neck 2nd to Choice Of Critics (10-0) at Folkestone (3m 2f, £3857, good to soft, Nov 21, 7 ran).
Selection: *MY MAJOR*

3.0 PSB NATIONAL HUNT GUIDE NOVICES HURDLE (£3,297: 2m) (17 runners)

501 F20-F01 DANNY'S LUCK 8 (D,G) (F Clegg) D Barons 5-11-4 M Perrett 92
503 000-211 GREAT DESTINY 20 (D,G,S) (Mrs D Bravery) C Bravery 5-11-3 H Davies ● 99
505 2 *ANOTHER CORAL 20 (M Deeley) D Nicholson 4-11-0* R Dunwoody 95
506 0000- BILBROOK 289 (Unity Farm Holiday Centres Ltd) P Hobbs 5-11-0 Peter Hobbs —
508 23-0 BORDER KING 35 (Sir G Brunton) D Elsworth 5-11-0 G Brown 80
513 0 DAYBROOK'S GIFT 34 (Mrs K Green) J Jenkins 4-11-0 S Sherwood —
514 DEEP TREASURE (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) F Winter 5-11-0 P Scudamore —
517 FISHERMANS TALE (H Joel) A Turnell 4-11-0 Steve Knight —
518 0 GAELIC FROLIC 34 (P Winfield) P Cundell 4-11-0 R Strange —
522 04/ MAJOR BUSKINS 822 (Maj A Everett) G Balding 7-11-0 G Bradley —
525 MAN ON THE LINE (Trinacia Investments Ltd) S Woodman 4-11-0 G McCourt —
529 000-00 RING OF SECRETS 24 (M Evans) T M Jones 5-11-0 Judy Blakeney 90
530 0-0F ROD OF IRON 31 (Miss T Smart) J Ffitch-Heyes 4-11-0 Penny Ffitch-Heyes —
531 3 RYCO 30 (Atrabates Cricket Club) O Sherwood 4-11-0 S Sherwood —
532 P SAMBRIDGE 22 (P Dufosee) P Dufosee 5-11-0 Mr G Maundrell —
536 000- WAR DANCER 198 (F Hayes) D Murray-Smith 5-11-0 P Croucher —
539 00F- MISS GIGGLES 225 (Mrs V Hambly) C Allen 4-10-9 Mr A Hambly —

BETTING: 3-1 Ryco, 4-1 Deep Treasure, 9-2 Danny's Luck, 5-1 Great Destiny, 7-1 Another Coral, 8-1 Border King, 10-1 Major Buskins, 12-1 Fisherman's Tale, 14-1 others.

1986: ROBIN GOODFELLOW 5-11-8 G Bradley (2-1) G Balding 12 ran

FORM *DANNY'S LUCK (10-8) quickened to* win at Wincanton (2m, £1042, good, Nov 26, 21 ran) by 4l from Milton Burn (10-8).
GREAT DESTINY (11-2) beat Noble Rise (10-10) 8l at Huntingdon (2m 100yd, £1287, good, Nov 14, 15 *ran). Improving.*
ANOTHER CORAL promising (10-10) 10l 2nd to Hard As Iron (10-10) at Huntingdon (2m 100yd, £1287, good, Nov 14, 17 ran).
BORDER KING (11-0) 9th to Pearly King (11-0) at *Devon (2m 1f, £1019, good to soft, Oct 30, 17 ran).*
RING OF SECRETS (11-0) 11l 5th to Theodas (11-0) at Devon last time (2m 1f, £866, good to soft, Nov 10, 16 ran).
RYCO running-on 14l 3rd to Real Class in National Hunt Flat race at Newbury (2m 100yd, £969, good, Nov 4, 24 ran). Well regarded.
DEEP TREASURE is a brother to good-class hurdler Deep Wealth. Well regarded.
Selection: GREAT DESTINY

3.30 SANDOWN THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLE (£3,485: 2m) (14 runners)

601 11 ROYAL ILLUSION 20 (D,S) (J Lishman) G Moore 11-4 M Hammond 94
603 CLEAR THE DECKS (Mrs A Flowers) C Benstead 11-0 R Rowe —
604 GILT BRONZE (M Banks) M Banks 11-0 M Perrett —
605 3 HOLTERMANN 13 (A Moralee) D Elsworth 11-0 R Arnott 98
606 ICARUS (J Livock) D Tucker 11-0 S McNeill —
607 LALITPOUR (C Donovan) J Jenkins 11-0 S Sherwood —
611 SANTELLA SAM (R Taiano) M Ryan 11-0 G McCourt —
612 22 SOUTH PARADE 20 (BF) (Miss C Roberts) G Balding 11-0 G Bradley ● 99
613 1 SPACIAL 20 (D,S) (Miss D Smyth) R Smyth 11-0 R Dunwoody 83
614 4410 TA WARDLE 86 (D,F) (D Ives) M Bolton 11-0 R Goldstein 62
616 00 THE MAIN MAN 7 (A Richards) H O'Neill 11-0 P Scudamore —
617 4 *THORNFIELD 16 (Thornfield Securities Ltd) R Akehurst 11-0* Dale McKeown 95
619 F022 WAHIBA 42 (J Brown) R Holder 11-0 N Coleman 89
620 00 BAGS 37 (Mrs E Holmes) D Elsworth 10-9 C Brown 76

BETTING: 3-1 South Parade, 7-2 Holtermann, 4-1 Royal Illusion, 6-1 Spacial, 8-1 Thornfield, 10-1 Lalitpour, Bags, 12-1 Santella Sam, 14-1 Wahiba, 16-1 Ta Wardle, 20-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM ROYAL ILLUSION (11-2) beat Blazing Walker (10-10) 4l at Newcastle (2m 60yd, £2194, good to soft, Nov 14, 15 ran). Should *progress further.*
HOLTERMANN (11-1) encouraging 10l 3rd to Calapaez (11-8) at Ascot (2m, £3844, good to soft, Nov 21, 8 ran).
SOUTH PARADE (10-12) 1l 2nd to prolific winner *Daffodil at Cheltenham last time (2m, £3251, soft, 9* ran); previously (11-0) 8l 2nd to Calapaez (11-6) over this course and distance (2m, £2254, good to soft, Oct 31, 13 ran).
SPACIAL ran on strongly to beat The Grifter (10-10) 3l at Windsor (2m 30yd, £921, good to soft, Nov 14, 22 ran). *May improve.*
THORNFIELD promising 14¾l 4th to Imperial Brush (10-10) at Kempton (2m, £2181, good to soft, Nov 18, 22 ran).
WAHIBA (11-0) 2l 2nd to Sea Island (10-8) at *Newbury (2m 100yd, £2828, good, Oct 23, 11 ran) on* latest start.
Selection: SOUTH PARADE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
N Gaselee	9	30	30.0	S Smith Eccles	24	89	27.0
F Walwyn	19	95	20.0	E Murphy	7	27	25.9
T Forster	12	62	19.4	R Rowe	24	130	18.5
D Elsworth	14	84	16.7	C Brown	13	77	16.9
F Winter	20	130	15.4	P Scudamore	23	137	16.8
G Balding	10	66	15.2	H Davies	14	91	15.4

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Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Wedding Talk.
1.15 Pacifiste.
1.45 Gouldswood.
2.15 Apodemus.
2.45 Garrison Savannah.
3.15 King Of The Lot.
3.45 Borleafras.

By Michael Seely
1.15 PACIFISTE (nap). 2.45 Garrison Savannah.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 GARRISON SAVANNAH (nap).

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 6-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. *S-slipped up. R-refused).* Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. *E-Eyeshield.* C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. *Rider* plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: soft (with heavy patches)

12.45 LADDERBACK SELLING HURDLE (£811: 2m 80yd) (18 runners)

2 P38/6PP CLEVER ANGLE 3 (B,F) (Miss S Robinson) W Turner 7-11-7 Tracy Turner —
3 834P00 DO OR DIE 6 (B,G,S) (J Jardine) W Clay 10-11-7 Diane Clay (7) 88
5 042/P00- EXPERIMENTING 259 (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 8-11-7 D Murphy 80
6 010P4P/ GUN-CARRIAGE 689 (S) (A Jones) A W Jones 7-11-7 Miss D Jones —
7 PP0 HERES-A-RISK 24 (C Pester) W Turner 8-11-7 Jessica Charles-Jones (7) —
9 20/80-00 KIMACERO 28 (P Hamer) P Hamer 9-11-7 Mr G Hammer (7) —
11 P08/000- MOUNT HARVARD 216 (G,S) (G Barnett) G Barnett 11-11-7 — —
13 NERO'S FIDDLE (B Forsey) B Forsey 6-11-7 A Webb —
14 P0010/P PROMIDDANTE 24 (G) (A Cartwright) Miss S Bather 7-11-7 R Hyett —
15 000/ QUALITY CHORISTER 118 (A Price) W Price 6-11-7 A Price (7) —
17 0U0 SLINTY HILL 8 (S) (J Jones) J Cosgrave 6-11-7 K Ryan —
18 200-209 SMILING LAUREL 18 (H Chisman) Mrs B Waring 8-11-7 J Robson 80
19 00/P-P00 SUPER TEK 26 (F,G) (J Browne) F Hollis 9-11-7 George Knight —
20 04-P THE CHALICEWELL 28 (B) (R Darlington) M James 5-11-7 Sharron James —
21 6-3 GREENHILL'S GIRL 10 (I Ives) D Moffatt 4-11-2 K Teelan 74
22 FRU-00 LOTTIE LIMEJUICE 22 (B) (P Hamer) P Hamer 4-11-2 Mr A Walton (7) —
25 3F20-01 WEDDING TALK 28 (CD,S) (M Fry) O O'Neill 6-11-2 S J O'Neill ● 99
28 0 PIALUCI 125 (B Preece) B Preece 3-10-7 — —

BETTING: 5-2 Experimenting, 7-2 Wedding Talk, 4-1 Mount Harvard, 6-1 Greenhills Girl, 8-1 The Chalicewell, 10-1 Smiling Laurel, 12-1 others.

1986: (Div I) GLEN MAYE 7-10-9 N Fearn (6-1) R Francis 13 ran
(Div II) REDGRAVE ARTIST 5-11-7 P Scudamore (4-5 fav) M Pipe 12 ran

1.15 SMOKERS BOW HANDICAP CHASE (£1,959: 3m) (6 runners)

1 8211U-12 PACIFISTE 21 (CD,BF,S) (M Hellyer) Mrs M Dickinson 7-11-10 C Grant 96
3 2184-F0 PATRICK'S FAIR 8 (F,G,S) (W Slater) R Peacock 11-10-10 S J O'Neill 96
4 1203/P0 GROCKLE 25 (F,S) (Mrs B Gittins) D Barons 10-10-8 P Nicholls —
6 121432 WEE WILLIAM 6 (D,F,G,S) (B Hicks) J Bradley 10-10-5 G Davies 96
7 380-042 DENNIS AUBURN 10 (F,G,S) (R Harper) R Francis 10-10-0 C Cowley ● 99
8 8400/P8- ALABAMA 186 (S) (F Jackson) F Jackson 9-10-0 — —

BETTING: 4-7 Pacifiste, 4-1 Wee William, 6-1 Dennis Auburn, 10-1 Grockle, 14-1 Patrick's Fair, 20-1 Alabama.

1986: CLONROCHE STREAM 7-10-8 Mr M Thompson (10-1) V Thompson 9 ran

1.45 BARBACK NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £685: 2m 80yd) (7 runners)

2 221004 FOREIGN KNIGHT 28 (B,F) (A Wakelam) R Juckes 11-4 T Wall 86
4 BIRWAZ (H Bishop) B Stevens 10-12 — —
11 2282 GOULDSWOOD 28 (H Gould) D Burchell 10-12 D J Burchell (7) 92
16 PRIDEAUX (S Wadsworth) J Bukovets 10-12 S Cusack (7) —
18 00 RAGTIME SOLO 16 (E Carnell) R Hodges 10-12 S Earle ● 99
25 000 REDDY GIRL 42 (C Salcombe) J Bradley 10-7 G Davies —
27 2 VALVERDE 24 (C Pester) W Turner 10-7 Tracy Turner 86

BETTING: *9-4 Foreign Knight, 3-1 Gouldswood, 4-1 Valverde, 6-1 Birwaz, 8-1 Reddy Girl, 12-1 Prideaux,* 12-1 Ragtime Solo.

1986: PRECIOUS LINK 10-5 C Warren (6-1) W Turner 18 ran

2.15 COUNTRY SEAT NOVICES CHASE (£2,191: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

3 0U4 APODEMUS (B) (N Lilley) R Lee 6-11-0 *Pat Caldwell (7)* 86
4 0/00 BERGEN BABY 16 (W Barons) D Barons 6-11-0 P Nicholls —
10 000/0F- FINE RAISE 367 (G) (J Shaw) D Moffatt 6-11-0 K Teelan —
15 0/20-0F0 RICHARD LIONHEART 18 (M Flynn) R Peacock 7-11-0 S J O'Neill ● 99

BETTING: Evens Richard Lionheart, 5-2 Apodemus 10, 7-2 Bergen Baby, 6-1 Fine Raise.

1986: GOLD TYCOON 7-11-0 A Webb (9-2 jt-fav) J Spearing 16 ran

2.45 WHEELBACK NOVICES HURDLE (£963: 2m 4f 20yd) (14 runners)

1 10-01 GARRISON SAVANNAH 16 (S) (Autofour Engineering) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-7 M Pitman ● 99
3 P0/0004 ANOTHER DOLLAR 56 (D Ryder) J Wilson 5-11-0 R Crank —
4 24 ARCTIC CALL 17 (B Stewart-Brown) Mrs M Dickinson 4-11-0 C Grant 79
5 0040-00 CHERRY BRAVE 8 (Anne Duchess of Westminster) R Francis 6-11-0 C Cowley —
6 00- COURTBROOK 267 (Mrs S Tainton) N Painting 6-11-0 A Sharpe —
10 -0 *FERN HOLLOW 60 (B Loxston) O O'Neill 5-11-0* S J O'Neill —
13 002P-P0 GOLDEN SEAM 34 (J Morrison) J O'Shea 6-11-0 J D Doyle —
17 F0200/0 PIKEMAN 16 (R Edwards) Mrs W D Sykes 5-11-0 C Cox —
18 420-03 SALECOMBE 8 (Mrs B Gittins) D Barons 5-11-0 P Nicholls 83
22 00 TODAY EDDY 29 (B) (D Craddock) C Jackson 4-11-0 R Hyett —
23 P UP RIVER 34 (A Dickinson) Mrs M Dickinson 5-11-0 P Tuck —
25 403-230 ACTIA 28 (Mrs G Heston) E H Owen Jnr 6-10-9 D J Burchell (7) 86
27 -0 HARGATE LADY 8 (N Smith) N Smith 4-10-9 Mr M Wellings —
31 F-03000 TROPWEN WINBOURNE 21 (R Pitchford) Mrs J Evans 7-10-9 Miss L Wallace 82

BETTING: 11-4 Arctic Call, 3-1 Garrison Savannah, 4-1 Salcombe, 6-1 Actia, 8-1 Another Dollar, 10-1 Up River, 12-1 others.

1986: THE MISSISSIPPIAN 5-10-7 B Dowling (5-2 fav) M Eckley 17 ran

***3.15 EROSTIN GROUP GREAT BRITAIN V AUSTRALIA NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE* (Round 3: £672: 2m 80yd) (5 runners)**

1 231340 HOPE COVE 16 (F,S) (Southern Racing Ltd) D Barons 5-11-10 S Jennings (Aus) 85
4 0-P42 KING OF THE LOT 10 (Lord Strathmore) R Lee 4-11-5 C Grant (GB) ● 98
6 00/04-34 *PERSHING 25 (G Blunden) D L Williams 6-11-1 H Green (Aus)* 80
9 0P0P0-0 THE DABBER 8 (B Wells) B Wells 4-10-2 P Tuck (GB) —
10 3020-00 SCALE MODEL 17 (J Roper) J Roper 5-10-2 P Shepherdson (Aus) 96

BETTING: 7-4 King Of The Lot, 5-2 Pershing, 3-1 Hope Cove, 6-1 The Dabber, 12-1 Scale Model.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.45 CHAIR HANDICAP CHASE (£2,001: 2m) (4 runners)

3 42F-0PP SANDWALKER 41 (C,G,S) (D Price) G Price 8-11-10 M Price (7) —
7 4322-23 KILSYTH 22 (BF,G,S) (M Pointon) Miss S Wilton 8-11-2 S Davies (7) 98
8 0-21321 BORLEAFRAS 10 (CD,F,S) (N Dalsley) D Moffatt 7-10-12 (5ex) K Ryan (4) ● 99
12 434304 CYPRUS SKY 17 (G,S) (F Jackson) F Jackson 10-10-0 — 81

BETTING: 6-4 Borleafras, 5-2 Kilsyth, 3-1 Cyprus Sky, 4-1 Sandwalker.

1986: JOHNS PRESENT 8-12-7 P Richards (9-4) R Holder 4 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Mrs M Dickinson	6	20	30.0	A Sharpe	5	46	10.9
Mrs W Sykes	7	40	17.5				
W Clay	5	76	6.6				

Only qualifiers

SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Ballyannagh. 1.0 Daunting Prospect. 1.30 Bally-Go. 2.0 Silent Echo. 2.30 Christo. 3.0 Starwood.

Going: soft

12.30 PARTRIDGE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,169: 3m 110yd) (15 runners)

6 222- BIG TOGGER 193 (G) T Bill 7-11-10 N Fearn (4)
9 330- NOBLE MUSIC 470 P Blockley 7-11-7 W Smith (7)
10 8-32 ORCHID BAY 29 (B,S) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-6 B de Haan
11 42PP GENERAL ADVANCE 14 Mrs S Bramall 7-11-4 J O'Gorman (7)
12 F-02 ALSIRI 14 P Harris 8-11-4 G Landau
13 0F-3 AISLING GEAL 18 (G) D Gandolfo 7-11-1 M Dwyer
17 -F42 WARNER'S END 17 J Webber 6-10-11 A Webb
20 PF0- MR PINKERTON 252 N Gaselee 8-10-9 A Adams (7)
21 FPP4 VULNERABLE 6 M Chapman 6-10-9 S Mitchell (7)
23 02/4 TABER 17 P Blockley 8-10-6 P Niven
25 FP0- MILTON PARK 228 J Blundell 7-10-5 D Dutton
27 PP-P GOLD EXPRESS 55 Mrs N Sharpe 8-10-4 A Sharpe
28 0/P- BRUNEVAL 354 (S) K Morgan 6-10-3 J Osborne (4)
29 00-3 BALLYANNAGH 11 W Wharton 6-10-2 M Brennan
32 0-0P QUIET STAR 6 P Davis 6-10-2 R Marley

11-4 Orchid Bay, 7-2 Big Togger, 5-1 Aisling Geal, 13-2 Warner's End, 8-1 Alsiri, 12-1 Milton Park, 14-1 others.

1.0 SPARROW SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £636: 2m 4f) (5)

2 U30 DAUNTING PROSPECT 15 (V) P Hedger 10-12 M Richards
3 0 JULIO'S LAD 4 P Haslam 10-12 M Dwyer
4 404 NEAR HEAVEN 45 R Barr 10-12 Mrs A Farrell
5 004 OHILL SKY 11 J Bosley 10-12 M Bosley
6 P0 RAPSCALLION 29 J Jenkins 10-12 M Ahern

9-4 Julio's Lad, 5-2 Ohill Sky, 4-1 Near Heaven, 5-1 Daunting Prospect, 13-2 Rapscallion.

1.30 PHEASANT HANDICAP CHASE (£1,606: 3m 110yd) (6)

1 10-U BALLY-GO 6 (D,F,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-12-5 M Dwyer
2 -P04 RANDOMLY 20 (G,S) C J Bell 8-12-3 C Dennis (7)
6 013- BRIG O'BALGOWNIE 300 (S) I Park 11-10-7 P Niven
7 0/00 EBONY BILL 8 (F,G) K Bailey 12-10-6 A Webb
8 -F0F LEAMLARA LAD 7 (S) Mrs P Sly 7-10-3 B de Haan
10 U-P0 CAPTAIN LOWE 51 (F) P Howling 7-10-0 M Furlong

2-1 Bally-Go, 11-4 Brig O'Balgownie, 4-1 Leamlara Lad, 13-2 Randomly, 8-1 Captain Lowe, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Jimmy Fitzgerald, 12 winners from 50 runners, 24.0%; D Gandolfo, 7 from 32, 21.9%; W Wharton, 5 from 27, 18.5%; J Blundell, 8 from 44, 18.2%; K Bailey, 14 from 79, 17.7%; J Webber, 13 from 91, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: M Dwyer, 15 winners from 79 rides, 19.0%; D Dutton, 10 from 70, 14.3%; M Brennan, 25 from 197, 12.7%; S Johnson, 13 from 107, 12.1%. (Only qualifiers).

2.0 MALLARD HANDICAP CHASE (£1,274: 2m 74yd) (8)

3 -F00 HOPEFUL MISSION 29 (CD,F,G) H Beasley 8-11-10 J Brown (7)
4 1PF0 BRIANSTON BELL 4 (F,G) W Clay 8-11-8 Diane Clay (7)
9 P0-P NEWGROVE LAD 34 (G) M Johnston 12-10-9 R Balfour
10 43F0 SIR LESTER 8 (CD,F,S) B Llewellyn 11-10-7 J Osborne (4)
11 0402 SILENT ECHO 15 (F,G,S) A Blackmore 12-10-7 Miss G Armytage
12 0423 INDIAN 7 (B) J Glover 7-10-7 S Johnson
13 000F NEWMARKET SAUSAGE 6 (B,F,G,S) T Kersey 6-10-0 P Niven
14 8F40 THE DIPLOMAT 13 (F,G,S) W Kemp 9-10-0 Mr S McKeever (7)

9-4 Silent Echo, 3-1 2 Indian, 7-2 Sir Lester, 5-1 The Diplomat, 8-1 Hopeful Mission, 10-1 others.

2.30 MOORHEN NOVICES HURDLE (£1,023: 2m 4f) (15)

1 0031 CHRISTO 6 (S) D Wintle 5-11-2 A Carroll
2 01 CUMUTE 11 (S) E Eldin 4-11-2 J McLaughlin
3 0230 BANTEL BANZAI 48 I Park 4-10-9 Mr N Tutty
8 00-0 ELVINGTON 24 K Bailey 5-10-9 A Webb
11 0 FRANNIGAN 29 G Hubbard 4-10-9 R Supple (7)
14 GORMAN CASTLE Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-9 M Dwyer
16 0-00 OLD MALTON 17 D Ringer 5-10-9 G Landau
18 202 PYLEIGH COURT 18 B Smart 5-10-9 C Llewellyn (4)
20 02 RED IN THE MORNING 62 H Wharton 4-10-9 B Walsh (4)
22 0300 SCOTCH HALL 57 W Kemp 5-10-9 Mr S McKeever (7)
23 0/4- SEE YOU THERE 347 I Matthews 5-10-9 K Burke (7)
24 SOME MUG T Donnelly 6-10-9 K Doolan
25 /00- TERIE TOMO 466 P Blockley 5-10-9 G Williams
27 VELVET TOUCH Mrs G Reveley 5-10-9 P Niven
30 P/P DOROTHY MIGHT 25 T Robingson 8-10-4 Mr T Moore

5-2 Christo, 100-30 Cumute, 9-2 See You There, 6-1 Pyleigh Court, 8-1 Old Malton, 12-1 others.

3.0 CURLEW CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,159: 2m) (13)

1 1-00 CASTLEVENNON 7 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-10 J O'Gorman (5)
3 0-20 DOFF 157 (S) W Kemp 6-11-6 T Storrar (5)
4 1-01 STARWOOD 17 (CD,F,S) C Tinkler 5-11-4 R Fahey
8 130- MASTER LAMB 388 (D,F) J Jefferson 4-10-10 R Marley
9 0-03 CAFFIERI 7 (B,D,S) T Casey 4-10-9 P Harley (5)
10 0-00 KASU 21 (CD,F,G) J Harris 4-10-6 Vicki Harris (5)
11 4-00 HAWAIIAN HEIR 9 (CD,F,G,S) W Clay 8-10-4 Diane Clay (3)
13 F3-2 HADDON LAD 11 (D,F) Miss A King 4-10-3 V Kennedy (5)
14 P-14 HOBOURNES 21 (D,S) H Wharton 5-10-2 P Harte (5)
15 0002 NIPPY CHIPPY 21 (G,S) M Chapman 4-10-2 *S Mitchell (5)*
17 402/ CLASSIC OWEN 714 (F) P Howling 6-10-0 G Webster (5)
20 P-32 SWEET ROSA 17 P Howling 5-10-0 G Heaver (5)
21 004- OTLEY 210 G Hubbard 5-10-0 R Supple (5)

3-1 Starwood, 4-1 Haddon Lad, 5-1 Master Lamb, 13-2 Nippy Chippy, 8-1 Hobournes, 12-1 others.

Warwick results

Going: good

12.30 (2m hdle) 1†, MALANDRIN (S Sherwood, 7-2); 1† VINCANTO (R Rowe, 14-1); 3, Prime Number (Miss G Armytage, 9-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Roscoe Harvey (4th), 14 *Rehearsing*, 16 Fellow's Night, Jackdaw (5th), 20 Hasty Glen, Mr Griffin, Qualitair King, True Spark, 25 Lysander (6th), 33 Artictic Champion, Out Yonder, 40 Manchesterskytrain, Prying Nell, 50 Damers Cavalry, Denitz, Erostindevelopment, Gift Voucher, Resha, Venturi, Bellaloo, Useful Addition. 24 ran. NR: Esha Ness. Dd ht, 5l, 6l, ¾l, 1l. Malandrin trained by O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn; Vincanto by J Gifford at Findon. Tote: Malandrin £2.50; Vincanto £12.00; Malandrin £1.90, Vincanto £5.10, £2.40. DF: £56.20. CSF: Malandrin and Vincanto £28.89; Vincanto and Malandrin £34.33.

1.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, LUCKY RASCAL (R *Rowe, 14-1); 2, Salehurst (J Frost, 100-30* jt-fav); 3, Pomerdy (M Bosley, (100-30 jt-fav). ALSO RAN; 13-2 Wollow Will, 7 Strabout (ur), 10 Killeger Kim (6th), Stoney Creek (5th), 12 Blue Dart (pu), Pan *Arctic (4th), 16 Cradle Of Jazz, 28 Nudge* Nudge, 50 Nicky's Joy (pu). 12 ran. 2½l, 12l, 1½l, 5l, 4l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £17.50; £5.10, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £37.50. CSF: £58.43. Tricast: £181.94.

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, YANKEE SILVER (S Smith Eccles, 7-2); 2, Cuckoo In The Nest (G Bradley, 12-1); 3, Casual Pass (P Scudamore, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Debbies Prince (4th), 5 Black Comedy (5th), 8 Dick Knight (f), 16 River Trout, 20 El Capistrano (6th). 8 ran. 2½l, 2½l, nk, 7l, dist. G Gracey at Caterham. Tote: £3.40; £1.50, £1.50, £1.40. DF: £24.10. CSF: £37.45. Tricast: £124.57

2.0 (3m ch) 1, MR FRISK (P Croucher, 11-4); 2, Risk A Bet (S Sherwood, 5-2 fav); 3, Ronalds Carole (B Powell, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 3 Rattin' Jack (4th), 4 Imdamelody *(pu), 50 Furzen Hill (pu).* 6 ran. 5l, 6l, 4l. K Bailey at East Ilsley. Tote: £3.70; £1.30, £1.90. DF: £3.50. CSF: £9.69.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, SADDLERS NIGHT (G McCourt, 6-1); 2, Nick The Brief (E Buckley, 10-1); 3, River Galaxy (Lorna Vincent, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav King Retain, 6 Timoliver, 7 Brandon Pier, 10 Chase The Line, 12 Nicolene's Hope, 14 Bensa Ryder, Double Calibre, 16 Master Muck, New Evidence, Rosie Marchioness (6th), 20 Greenacres Lad (5th), Grumble (4th), 25 Kaasib, 33 Billila, Cool Distinction, Late Delivery, Lyns Magic, Popeswood, Poro Boy, Sammy The Shammy, Speakers Corner, Waterglass. 25 ran. 4l, ¾l, sh hd, 1½l, 4l. Mrs J Pitman *at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £13.60; £4.20,* £5.20, £5.00. DF: £150.50. CSF: £71.08.

3.0 (2m ch) 1, BARGE POLE (H Davies, 8-1); 2, How Now (M Pitman, 13-2); 3, Mweenish (M Dwyer, 5-1). ALSO RAN. 9-2 jt-fav Signalman, Whiskey Time (f). 10 Eyetrap, 20 Young Nicholas, Prize Asset (5th). Congicote Boy, 25 Nodalotte, 33 Aerialist (6th). Bold River (ur), Comb Master, Jonax (4th), Lord Chanticleer, Ravenslodge (pu), Swift Guide (f). 17 ran. 2½l, sh hd, 3l, 2½l, 20l. T Forster at Wantage. Tote £7.90, £3.10, £2.70, £2.30. DF: £16.00. CSF: £52.30.

3.30 (2m 5f hdle) 1, ENVOPAK TOKEN (R Rowe, 33-1); 2, Royal Gossip (L Harvey, 11-1); 3, Dudley's Star (S Sherwood, 8-1); 4, Chatsby (C Llewellyn, 16-1). *ALSO RAN:* 7-2 fav Hilcastle, 4 Doddycross, 5 Larchwood (5th), 11 Random Traveller, 12 Crown Green, Shah's Choice, 16 Crook N Honest (f), 25 Le Kingdom, Pyleigh Prince, 33 Lackey Hoey, Tors, *Rich Nickel*, Manners Star, Cygnets Best, Little Serenity, Buck And Doe Run (pu). Mum's Girl (6th). Vulcheck, Kingsbrook, Rose Red City, Masterly. 25 ran. Hd, 3l, 1½l, 3l, 1l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £25.00; £4.30, £3.30, £2.20, £8.40. DF: £259.80. CSF: £353.51. Tricast: £2,886.35.

Placepot: £250.80

Carlisle

Going: soft with heavy patches (final flight omitted on hurdles course)

12.45 (2m 330yd hdle) 1, DUBIOUS JAKE (S Woods, 3-1); 2, Flodden Field (G Harker, 9-4 fav); 3, Megan's Move (Miss D Slack, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Ribokeyes Boy (4th), 10 Crash Market (5th), 16 Maw Broon, 20 Empapahero, 33 Shehoons Lest, Soud'n Brig (6th), Waverley Boy. 10 ran. 5l, nk, 15l, 2l, 8l. R Woodhouse at Welburn. Tote: £3.20; £1.50, £1.30, £1.60. DF: £3.20. CSF: £9.88

1.15 (2m 330yd hdle) 1, ORIENTAL EXPRESS (N Doughty, 7-4 fav); 3, Fir *Trading* (R Fahey, 7-1); 3, Night Visitors (J R Quinn, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Petroc Concert (4th), 10 Carl's Pride, 14 Courting King (6th), 16 Quivering (5th), 33 High Cable. 8 ran. 8l, 7l, 1½l, 1½l, 15l. F Carr at Malton. Tote: £2.40; £1.70, £1.90, £2.40. DF: £8.60. CSF: £13.92.

1.45 (3m ch) 1, TELEGRAPH BUSH (C Dennis, 7-4 fav); 2, Gretta's Legacy (C Grant, 9-2); 2, Purple Beam (R Crank, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Strawhill (4th). 4 ran. nk, dist, 20l. G Renilson at Jedburgh. Tote: £1.90; place winner only £2.20. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.75. Tullamarine (5-2) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 25p in pound.

2.15 (2m 330yd hdle) 1, HITCHENSTOWN (K Doolan, 5-4 fav); 2, Connaught Card (R Garrity, 7-1); 3, Jim Bowie (R. Goldstein, 33-1) ALSO RAN: 4 Lord Sun (5th), 5 Moulkins (6th), 12 Summer Meadows (4th), Tactico, 20 Tips Lad, 33 Ankle Socks, Pretty Amazing (pu). Stainton Gypsy, 50 Bordeaux Rouge, 100 Fire Star. 13 ran. 15l, 8l, 5l, 2½l, 6l. E Alston at Longton. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £1.70, £5.20. DF: £19.50. CSF: £11.41.

2.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, RINUS (P Tuck, 11-4); 2, Brandy Hambro (K Doolan, 6-5 fav); 3, Court Guest (N Doughty, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Colonel Rose (ur), 16 Saxon Slave (4th), 20 Cheeny's Brig (5th), 33 Lumber Quay (pu), 66 Mark's Choice (pu), 100 Derek's Bay (pu). 9 ran. 12l, 10l, 1½l, 12l G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £3.30; £1.10 £1.10, £2.00. DF: £3.30. CSF: £6.11.

3.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, KUWAIT LEEL (D Wilkinson, 9-1); 2, Gunner Mac (C Grant, 11-10 fav); 3, Grundy's Pet (M Hammond, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Prince Klenk (5th), 10 Carat Stick (4th), Peace Terms, 12 Bickerstaffe (6th), 25 Golden Croft, Marcellina, Poona Express, 33 Castlesheppard Lad, Johnston's Baby. 12 ran. 3l, 2l, 12l, 3l, 10l. F Jordan at Leominster. Tote: £8.10; £1.50, £1.10, £2.80. DF: £11.90. CSF: £18.52. Tricast: £88.47.

Placepot: £6.60

A new mecca makes its bow with a £130m face-lift for 1991 that could regenerate a city

Sheffield opens wide its doors to the world

By Ian Stafford

Amid great excitement, plans for the 1991 World Student Games were unveiled by Sheffield yesterday after the International Student Sports Federation (FISU) announced last weekend that the city could stage the biennial event. Sheffield is confident that the permanent sports facilities planned for the games will provide, in the words of the City Council, "the mecca of British sport."

Set for July 1991, it is estimated that the games, which will entertain more than 7,000 competitors in 12 different events, will cost the city £130 million, a sum borrowed almost wholly from the private sector.

The actual running of the event, the largest and most important multi-event competition to be held in Britain since the 1948 London Olympics, will cost £40 million and the building of the facilities a further £90 million.

The Sheffield Universiade will provide 86 venues, 35 for competition and 51 for practice. Sixty-nine of the 86 venues already exist, although many will need to be upgraded in order to meet with FISU requirements. The remaining 17 facilities will be newly built, including the impressive £31 million Ponds Forge Sport and Leisure Centre.

Ponds Forge, virtually in the city centre, will provide a 10-lane, 50-metre swimming pool designed to Olympic standard, equipped with electronic timing and judging stations. Seating for 2,000 spectators, as well as changing rooms, medical facilities and offices, will make it Britain's premier swimming facility.

Already the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) is thinking of moving there from its Loughborough offices. "Sheffield's new pool will be the equal of the world's fastest," Hamilton Bland, the coach and television commentator, said. "The city should produce its own swimming champions within a few years."

Adjacent to the swimming pool will be a large sports hall designed to international standards for volleyball, tennis and gymnastics, and a unique leisure pool providing geysers, water cannons and a wave machine which will make, for the first time, surfing possible indoors.

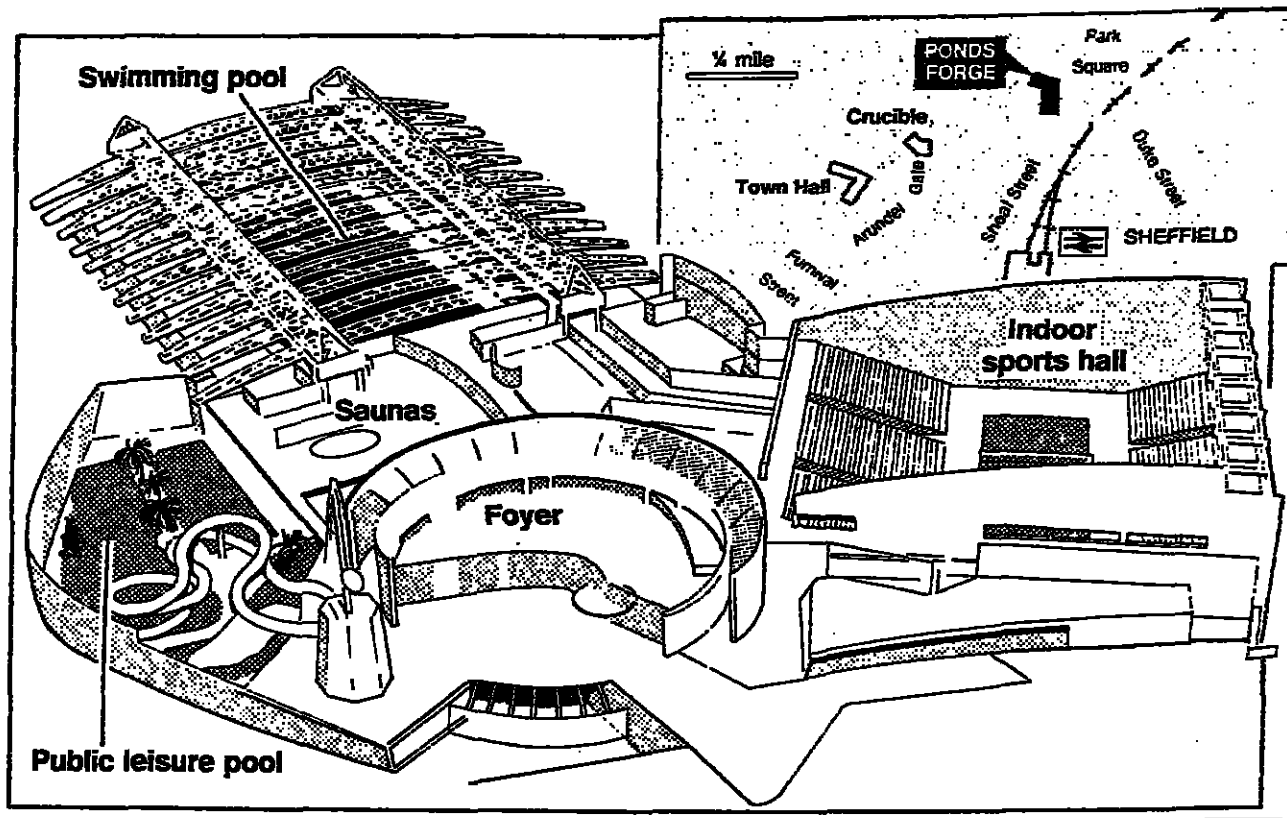
Athletics, and possibly the opening and closing ceremonies, will be staged at the city's recently built athletics centre, which meets all the International Amateur Athletic Federation's (IAAF) standards.

Stands will be erected which will hold at least 25,000 spectators, making it the top athletics venue in the country. Warm-up facilities will be available throughout the games at a new track to be purpose-built next to the stadium.

Tennis will also be catered for with a new complex constructed with all the comprehensive facilities expected of an international tennis venue. These will include two show courts, 10 practice courts and two practice centres, each with four courts and will have a spectator capacity of 4,000.

Four new artificial hockey pitches will be provided and football will be held at the grounds of Sheffield Wednesday and Sheffield United.

"We will have a championship of mammoth stature," Sebastian Coe, the Olympic champion and Sheffield's most celebrated athlete, said. "The games will have a massive impact on the city and will be a catalyst for its recovery and regeneration."



Council to compete for its own services

By a Special Correspondent

Fears that municipal sports and leisure centres could be privatized have prompted a local council to plan its own company to compete for management of its own services.

The Conservative controlled council in Rochford, Essex, has found its present system cannot better outside tenders, so it has decided to compete with them, keeping a say in the services but obeying its standing orders and the suggested change in the law.

Arthur Cooke, the chief executive, said that if councillors agreed the company could be operational by April 1.

"On that date we will enter into contracts with that company for the management of catering and all other leisure management," Cooke said. The company would start with a 90,000 £1 share issue bought by the council and sold over the next three years to the company's staff, ex council employees.

Cooke added: "We are not attempting to escape legislation but we are preparing for it and giving our staff a chance for a future in leisure services."

He added: "If we were to do nothing as an authority, then our staff would become disillusioned because we could not guarantee them a future with the organization."

Cooke said that the consultative document on compulsory competitive tendering in leisure services did not include the management task.

He added: "We have got an unusual situation: although there's nothing about it in the House at the moment, the Government department has clearly worked out a timetable that will include leisure management."

According to this timetable, the company would be forced to bid for the catering services in April 1989 and for leisure management in April 1990.

Cooke added: "The company, unless it breaks even or makes a profit, will not continue to exist, so there is a greater discipline on the company than there would be on the council. If the council does not do very well, it can put its rates up; if the company doesn't do well, it may actually go broke."

The district's £10 million sports complex at Clements Hall costs the council £470,000 a year: £250,000 debt charges, £60,000 for maintenance and £160,000 for staff, heating and lighting, after admission charges have been taken into account. That is the loss figure a private company would have to confront.

RUGBY UNION: NEWPORT'S LOSSES COULD BE CROSS KEYS' GAINS

Slipping of a leash in the final minutes

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Oxford U Greyhounds. 18
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Twelve points in injury-time gave the Greyhounds a victory in the little University match at Iffley Road yesterday which looked considerably more emphatic than it was. Yet by virtue of the three goals they scored against the LX Club's lone penalty, they more than deserved it.

Cambridge had their opportunity in the first half but only one of Tunningley's four penalty attempts was successful, while Oxford turned round ahead, thanks to a try by Brown, which might almost have been given as a deliberate knock-on.

Cambridge, well led by Cake, were particularly successful at the set scrums. But in the loose the Greyhounds went exceptionally well, frequently mauling away ball which had fallen initially to Cambridge. Morgan grew in stature and it took some desperate cover to stop McDonald — who has twice been so near a Blue.

Wood led the charge down the left which eventually brought a break from Polkinghorne and a try by the faithful Thompson. It was Polkinghorne, too, who helped make the final try for Cook which sealed matters.

SCORERS: Oxford University Greyhounds: Tries: Brown, Thompson, Cook. Conversions: Morgan (3). Cambridge LX Club: Penalty: Tunningley.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GREYHOUNDS: D Cook (St John's, Leatherhead, and Christ Church); S Dinnen (Aylesbury GS and Keble), M Brown (Diocesan College, University of Cape Town and Worcester), D Polkinghorne (Natal University and Pembroke), J McDonald (Cheadle Hulme and Exeter); J Morgan (Aberdare GS and Jesus), S Taylor (Whitgift and University); M Rule (Friary Gate, Cannock, and University), N Sharrock (King's Macclesfield and St Edmund Hall), S Williams (Calday GS and Lincoln), A Cameron (Sydney University and University, capt), S Wensley (Bishop of Llandaff and Wadham), J Beck (Radley and St Peter's), E Thompson (Brighton College and Keble), D Wood (St Paul's, Cornell University and St Catherine's).

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: M Risman (Wellington College and Emmanuel); M Sellers (Richard Huish, Taunton, and Christ's), A Tunningley (QEGS Wakefield and Downing), A Payne (Dwr-y-Felin CS and Magdalene), J Watson (King's Peterborough and St John's, rep: R Bennett (Millfield and Clare); N Devonald (Millfield and Magdalene), R Heap (Ipswich and Magdalene); A Jones (Rayne Hill GS and St John's), I Singleton (Wycliffe College and St John's), S Wordley (Queen Mary's GS and Downing), N Allen (Berkhamsted and St John's, rep: L Nethery, St Joseph's, Sydney and Hughes Hall), M Bickerstaff (Bishop Vesey's GS and Selwyn), M Pepper (St Alban's and Jesus), M Higginbotham (Haileybury and Jesus), J Cake (Worthing Vith Form College and Corpus Christi, capt).

Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset).

Exciting back division for the Students

The England Students have picked a team with an exciting back division to play the South Koreans at Wasps on December 16, the final match of the Korean tour (David Hands writes).

However, the three-quarters do include two players, Laity and Buzza, who may withdraw if they retain their places for their respective XVs throughout the divisional championship; Laity is at centre for the South-West and Buzza is a Midlands replacement. O'Leary, who is required by London, may also have to pull out.

As the team stands, though, Laity and Buzza have two prime wings to serve in Tony Underwood, younger brother of England's Rory, and Steve Hackney, who scored two tries last month for Oxford University against Major Stanley's XV.

Several of the side have first-class club experience: Laity plays for South Glamorgan Institute and Neath; Beytell has played scrum half for Blackheath; Swan, lock for Liverpool-St Helens; Holmes for Fylde and the senior Cumbrian side; and Wilby, No. 8 for Nottingham.

ENGLAND STUDENTS: M Appleson (Leeds Polytechnic); S Hackney (Loughborough University), C Laity (South Glamorgan Institute), A Buzza (Loughborough University), T Underwood (Leicester University); A N Other, N Beytell (St Paul's and St Mary's, Cheltenham); E Clarke (University College, London), J Lock (UWIST), A Ward (Crewe and Alsager College), D Stock (Royal Free Hospital), T Swan (Loughborough University), S O'Leary (St Mary's Hospital), S Holmes (East Anglia), J Wilby (Loughborough University). Replacements: P Hopley (St Thomas's Hospital), M Burt (Liverpool Institute of HE), C Whitworth (St Mary's Hospital), A Yates (North Staffs Polytechnic), T Hill (Polytechnic of Wales), A Bick (St Paul's and St Mary's, Cheltenham).

A handshake and on with the game

By Gerald Davies

J J Williams to help out Wales

J J Williams, the former Commonwealth Games sprinter and British Lions wing, is to join Lynn Davies, the Olympic long jump gold medal winner, in helping to ensure the Wales players' fitness for the Five Nations championship and their 1988 tour of New Zealand.

Williams, who scored 12 tries in 30 appearances for Wales and five tries for the Lions was a Welsh AAA champion and competed in the 1970 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh where he ran with Davies in the relay team.

He has accepted an invitation from Tony Gray, the Welsh coach to assist in improving the speed and athleticism of the Welsh players. "The game is all about speed, strength and power and that means greater work must be done on sprint work and weight training.

"The gap between club and national players is increasing each year and it will continue to grow unless clubs do something about it." Gray said.

Matters that rightly belong to the margin of the game have taken such precedence over affairs on the field that the wholesale changes wrought at Newport, with the coach, assistant coach and captain resigning, have aroused more speculation than what the team have done all season.

With Robert Young, their lock forward, who was suspended for a year after being sent off the field, having joined Cross Keys — the WRU gave him 16 weeks' sentence, so he is eligible to play later this season — speculation centres onhow long it will be before Charlie Faulkner, Roy Duggan and Roger Powell, the triumvirate who left Newport in disgust, will follow in his footsteps.

Cross Keys have acquired this sudden potential for recruitment because Mike Watkins has materialized as their manager. His previous incarnation, if you remember, was as the inspiring influence of Wales when he captained them four times in 1984 while, in a similar capacity, reviving Newport's fortunes. He was seen as having some magical touch.

Then, suddenly last summer, in another exhibition of players and committee men failing to catch each other's eyes, and to which Newport are particularly prone, Watkins was not reappointed captain.

As one door closed, another opened down the road for him. Cross Keys could well be the beneficiary of Newport's jam.

Then there is the outstanding matter between Glamorgan Wanderers and Tredegar. A fortnight ago Tredegar, reached the next round of the cup by beating the club from Cardiff, 15-12, but after many a telephone tip-off, Wanderers were told that the Gwent club had used a player, Mark Fowler, whose transfer from Cilfynydd had not been properly processed.

The WRU committee made an instant decision, always a tricky business when reputations are at stake and, as far as the cup is concerned, money, too. The decision was found in favour of Wanderers.

There were raised arms and voices in Tredegar, with the upshot that documents and witnesses are to be produced and presented to the WRU cup committee in a week's time. It is hoped that a decision will come about before December 19 when the next round will be played.

More ominously, a barrister is rumoured to be hovering in the background on the Tredegar side and why not, you may ask?

Rights have to be righted and these days in rugby clubs — perhaps especially in rugby clubs — you cannot rely on a gentleman's handshake. But even Tredegar must hope that it remains very much a local matter and need not be referred to any higher court of appeal. The Glamorgan Wanderers president is the Right Hon Lord Justice Tasker Watkins VC, PC, DL.

In the meantime, the argy-bargy would appear to have had a profound effect on Wanderers. Unbeaten in 17 outings until that cup round, they have since lost at home to Watkins's men, Mike that is, not the Lord Justice's, from Cross Keys and, on Wednesday evening, to South Wales Police.

Chris Jones, the Treorchy prop, who has been twice suspended *sine die* by the WRU — the first time was after a cup tie with Cardiff, the other after an incident involving a Mountain Ash player — has joined his brother, Clive, as coach to the Pontypridd team. The club's recent run of success has been attributed to his technical expertise in the scrum.

Away from the battles in the boardroom, there were two wonderful games of rugby this week, one at Kingsholm, the other at Stradey Park. The point, apart from the players' attitude, was that they were astutely controlled, as one should expect, perhaps, by the Reverend Parker, from Staffordshire, in the Gloucester match and Don Hughes, from Newbridge, in the Llanelli game.

Such mention should be made since, in Wales particularly, they come in for outrageous criticism.

Plans for a student league

By David Hands

The introduction of a club league system in England has had, inevitably, a knock-on effect on student rugby, and within the strict confines of university and college terms an effective response has not been easy to come by, while still achieving the appropriate balance of student and club fixtures.

Cambridge University's answer has been to look west, increasing their fixtures with Welsh clubs, although that may be only a temporary solution if Wales — however unlikely it appears at present — accepts a national league.

Next season Cambridge will play Bridgend and Cardiff at home, on what are now fixed league Saturdays, and Llanelli and Neath away.

Interestingly, they have also agreed a fixture with Loughborough University and both Cambridge and Oxford are considering the possibility of a game against Trinity College, Dublin, during the run-up to the University match.

For many years, when Loughborough had a regular fixture with St Luke's College, Exeter, there were grumbles that the team which came out on top could not meet the winner of the University match; now old and new are getting their heads together and, as well as fielding two former Loughborough half backs against Oxford on Tuesday, Cambridge expect applications from two of the current Loughborough pack for next season.

The other response under way is the possibility of a student league. Derek Morgan, the students' representative on the Rugby Football Union committee, has prepared a discussion paper, currently being considered by all four academic sectors, which allows for regional Wednesday leagues (to reduce costs) building into, probably, two national leagues, north and south, which would play at weekends.

West London Institute, for one, have already found life in the Courage Clubs Championship difficult because no allowance has been made for the break in student activities around Christmas. They have been told they must play their game in London League Division Two (North) against St Mary's Hospital on January 3 because that is the designated day, whereas a little flexibility might permit them to play a fortnight later, in term-time.

"We will review the situation at the end of the season," John Hunter, their coach, said, "but my advice will be not to continue. The majority of our games are club fixtures. We live in the real world and if we have to play only student sides, it becomes unrealistic."

Corpus Christi unbowed

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

Corpus Christi High School, Cardiff, is one of four establishments, feeding a sixth-form college, **St David's**, where rugby is flourishing. St David's have won all their four matches and scored 200 points in the process, including a remarkable 42-10 victory over **Pontypool College**, last year's beaten finalists in the Preston Festival.

Like their seniors, Corpus Christi are having a magnificent season. They have won all their 11 matches, scoring 301 points and conceding only 56. **Desborough School**, also a comprehensive from Maidenhead, is enjoying considerable success. Last month the team won all four matches; versus **Lord William, Thame** (6-3), **Aylesbury GS** (6-4), **RGS, High Wycombe**, who were previously unbeaten (12-10), and **Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet** (21-4).

Wells Cathedral School ended with victories against **King's, Bruton** (16-6), **Queen's, Taunton** (13-11), and a record of 10 wins from 13 matches, which is very creditable but hardly comparable to their under 12s, who have won 12 out of 12 and scored 318 points without having a single point scored against them.

Wellington (Berks), having beaten **Cranleigh** (16-6), and **Tonbridge** (29-9) are still unbeaten with only the final hurdle of their game against Eton tomorrow remaining.

Taunton are enjoying their best season for 20 years. They have won all of their 10 matches, their latest victory being against **Blundell's** (32-6).

Pate's GS, from Cheltenham, have also three of last year's highly successful team available, and have 10 wins from 11 matches as their record. Their latest victory was against **Queen Elizabeth Hospital** (24-3). They have only lost to **Millfield**.

Latymer Upper have won eight from 10 matches, losing only to **Trinity, Croydon** (6-4), and **London Oratory** (6-0). They have conceded 31 and scored 164 points.

Llandovery is a very small school, which makes the distinction of their rugby the more impressive. They enjoyed a vastly successful November, beating **Downside** (15-6), **Monmouth** (45-9), **Belmont Abbey** (26-0), **Captain Crawshay's XV** (24-12), and **Rydal** (26-8).

Peter Wilmshurst points out that I was incorrect to say that **Durham** had lost only to **Ampleforth** as they were also beaten (19-18) by **Edinburgh Academy**.

THE TIMES James Capel

CREWSEARCH

Specialist crew is taking shape

By Barry Pickthall

The Royal Yachting Association (RYA) reports that half the places in *The Times*/James Capel sponsored Crewsearch have been filled four weeks after the nationwide search for fresh offshore racing talent was launched.

The 10 regional events scheduled to take place between April and October next year have attracted sailors from all walks of life. All have welcomed the chance to race alongside some of the best skippers in the country, including America's Cup helmsman, Harold Cudmore, Eddie Warden Owen, Mike McIntyre and Chris Law, as well as the golden opportunity of a trial on a 12-metre open to all 60 finalists.

The top six crew members selected at a grand final run by the Royal Ocean Racing Club next October will each receive a £1,000 training bursary to further their international experience, while the top four women will compete in the 1989 MacNamara Bowl international women's championship.

Among the 300-plus entries received so far are Kate Twyman, aged 23, a software engineer from Faversham, Kent, who has already clocked up more than 5,300 miles at sea, Skvodas, a student, of Dumbartonshire, who wants to advance his racing dinghy experience, and Tim Crump, of Salisbury, with one transatlantic crossing under his belt and considerable experience racing small one-designs.

"The calibre of applications has been very high and I am confident that the Crewsearch scheme will introduce many good sailors into the top echelon of offshore and ocean racing." Bill Edgerton, the RYA's offshore coach, said yesterday.

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Yachting diary

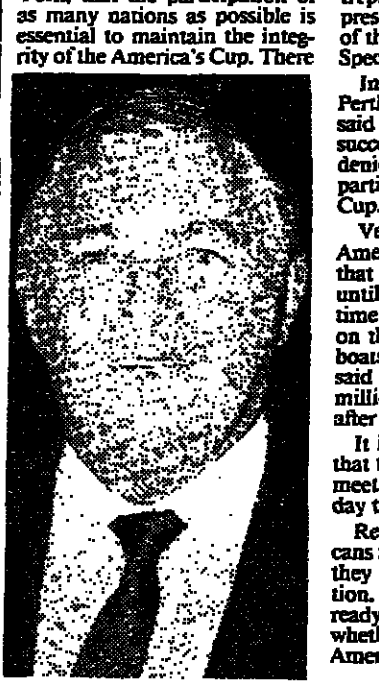
Lawyers esteem the America's Cup that cheers

Next year's America's Cup looked set to turn into a world class sport for lawyers yesterday as the San Diego YC came under attack from all sides, after bowing to a court ruling to accept New Zealands contentious super-maxi challenge.

The club is now bracing itself for a barrage of litigation from four prospective campaigners, including Britain's Peter de Savary, who have had their challenges turned away. A Canadian 12 metre group also served notice that they will sue the Californians for negligence and the resulting economic losses.

Michael Fay, the power behind New Zealand's Mercury Bay Boating Club challenge, did welcome San Diego's decision to race, but was less than pleased with the club's intent to exclude the rest of the world from the event.

He said: "They have argued publicly, and in court in New York, that the participation of as many nations as possible is essential to maintain the integrity of the America's Cup. There are seven other big boat challengers from four countries — Australia, Britain, France and Japan — who want to be there as well as New Zealand. How can San Diego justify a complete about-face to exclude them?"



Bond: angered by decision

Talking about San Diego's intentions to match his 90ft waterline, light weather monohull against a multihull in the windswept Pacific off Hawaii, Fay said that the club appeared to have a fundamental misunderstanding of the terms under which his challenge had been made.

"The decision of New York Supreme Court Judge Ciparick clearly confirmed the rights of challengers for the America's Cup. The defender can't, as San Diego seems to think, arbitrarily set all the conditions of the match. The conditions are found in the judgment, the Deed of Gift and the history of the Cup," the former New Zealand lawyer emphasized yesterday.

He added: "The world is keenly awaiting the exciting clash in big boats next year and rightly expects a fair and square confrontation on the water — where the best boat and crew will win. That is what the America's Cup is all about and the way it should be."

As Peter de Savary's Blue Arrow team prepared for a "war cabinet" with other challengers in New York next week, Graham Walker, head of the rival BACC challenge, welcomed San Diego's commitment to 12 metres for the next series, planned for 1991, should the Californians retain the Cup next year.

As it stands however, that scenario is far from certain, for although the New Zealanders have mirrored that statement, there is nothing to stop a "renegade" from slapping in an individual challenge — just as Fay did — in boats quite different to a 12 metre or the current line of super-maxis.

● SYDNEY: The Australian entrepreneur, Alan Bond, has expressed his anger at the decision of the San Diego Yacht Club (a Special Correspondent writes).

In a statement issued from his Perth headquarters, Mr Bond said he was "angry that after six successive challenges he is being denied the opportunity to participate in the next America's Cup."

Vernon Reid, head of Bond's America's Cup challenge, said that the race should be delayed until 1989 to allow other nations time to carry out proper training on the new 90 foot super-maxi boats. Earlier this week Bond said that construction of his £5 million super-maxi would begin after Christmas.

It is Bond who has suggested that the heads of each syndicate meet in New York next Thursday to discuss a joint approach.

Reid added that if the Americans refused to open up the field they might consider court action. Otherwise they would be ready to take on the winner, whether it was New Zealand or America.

A challenger from Ireland

Leading names in the world of Irish offshore racing, including nounced that they had secured backing for a £2 million entry for the 1989/90 Whitbread Round the World Race. The "Sail Ireland around the world challenge" is headed by the businessman, Howard Kilroy, and underwritten by National and City Brokers, though other Irish companies are expected to co-sponsor the Ron Holland designed maxi-yacht next year.

Construction of the 80ft composite carbon and kevlar moulded hull began last month and the boat should be in the water by the end of next year. It is a highly enterprising project for such a small seafaring nation, leaving me to wonder if it will stir others in Britain to mount a rival, competitive challenge for this 33,000 mile race.

Barry Pickthall

BASKETBALL

Lessons in Zagreb at long range

By Nicholas Harling

Manchester United might just as well make the most of the invaluable experience of competing against some of the most accomplished teams on the continent, because there are unlikely to be any other benefits deriving from their quarter-final group games in the Korac Cup.

What appeared, even when the draw was made, to be a slim chance for United must be even more remote now after their comprehensive 112-82 defeat against Cibona Zagreb.

United flew home from Yugoslavia yesterday, knowing they had done as well as could be expected against the former European champions.

From being vaguely in contention at half-time, when they trailed 47-41, the game was swept from United's reach when Cibona's players suddenly stepped up a gear

On what was considered to be a bad night by their staggeringly high standards, 52 per cent of Cibona's points came from three-point efforts. "It's a very difficult way to play but it obviously works for them," United's general manager, Rick Taylor, commented ruefully.

If United were chastened, Polycell Kingston felt exasperated by their 108-106 home defeat in over-time by Limoges in the European Cup Winners' Cup.

The defeat obviously reduces Kingston's chance of progress but their coach, Kevin Cadle, insists: "We're not up against it. If we play as well as we can and beat Leverkusen and Belgrade at home our chances will be as good as anyone else's."

SHOW JUMPING

Whitaker hunting for points

From Jenny MacArthur, Bordeaux

John Whitaker and the three other members of the team which won the gold medal at this year's European championships, head the powerful British squad of seven competing at the Bordeaux World Cup qualifying event which begins today.

Bordeaux, the fifth qualifier, marks the halfway stage in the series, which has its final in Sweden in April. With the top 19 riders in the European League qualifying for the final, Britain are comfortably placed, with five of her riders lying in the top 15. At this stage last year it was only two.

Surprisingly, John Whitaker is not among the five, having chosen not to count his points gained for winning the New York qualifier on Next Milton and finishing second in Toronto last month.

Riders are only allowed to compete for points in a maximum of eight World Cup rounds. Whitaker, who has been at every final since the competition started in 1979, would have had to miss two of the remaining European shows if he had counted his North American points.

He is without Next Milton this weekend — to the dismay of the Bordeaux crowd who witnessed one of his early major wins here two years ago. Instead he is riding Next Hopscotch, who showed himself to be on form in finishing equal sixth in Brussels last weekend.

In the absence of Liz Edgar — lying third after her win at Helsinki and third place in Brussels — Malcolm Pyrah (equal fourth) has the chance to take the British lead. Pyrah's top horse, Towerlands Anglezarke, is fit and well with no apparent after-effects following his uncharacteristic fall in the jump-off at Brussels.

Nick Skelton (equal sixth) and Michael Whitaker (eleventh) are determined to improve their placings in Sunday afternoon's qualifier. Skelton will ride Raffles J Nick, his Hickstead Derby winner, and Whitaker is likely to team up again with Coggeshall Spot On.

The other three British riders in Bordeaux, Harvey and Robert Smith and Kelly Brown, all need to pick up points if they are to qualify for the final.

The rider the British will find hardest to beat is the Frenchman, Pierre Durand, the reigning European champion and winner of last year's qualifier. Durand, who lives just outside Bordeaux, won both the Amsterdam event in October and Brussels on the brilliant Jappeloup De Luze.

His record in Bordeaux, where he is given a hero's welcome every time he appears in the ring, is outstanding. Since 1983 he has not finished outside the top three.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE POSITIONS: 1, W-J Van Der Schans (Neth), 50pts; 2, P Durand (Fr), 40; 3, E Edgar (GB), 36; 4, M Pyrah (GB) and J-C Vangeenberghe (Bel), 27; 6, N Skelton (GB), R Ehrens (Neth) and F Sloothaak (WG), 22.

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CRICKET

Dilley provides a hurtful reminder of his Test claims

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Sahiwal

England bowled out the Chief Minister of the Punjab's XI for 215 here yesterday and had extended a first innings lead of 64 to 73 when bad light ended play 10 minutes early.

There were times, certainly in the first half of the day, when England's faster bowlers – Dilley, DeFreitas and Capel – could have been vying with each other to see who could bowl the shortest. Salim Malik was a victim of this, being taken to hospital to have a finger, if not a thumb as well, X-rayed after being hit by Dilley.

It was another lovely day, dustier than Wednesday because it was windier, but made for cricket. The ground was well filled, the Deputy Commissioner having declared a public holiday for England's visit and admission becoming free during the afternoon.

Some of those present knew little enough about the game to make a nuisance of themselves by throwing the odd stone on to the field. That they did so for the first time when Zahoor Elahi was hitting Hemmings for four sixes in his first two overs suggested that they acted more out of instinct than boredom. Anyway, when asked to do so, the police put an end to it.

The competition there now is between Dilley and DeFreitas for a place in next Monday's second Test match no doubt had something to do with Dilley bowling as he did. He strained hard for bounce, but in doing so bowled 10 no-balls in his only spell.

In a morning lasting for two hours, no more than 22 overs were bowled, partly because one of Dilley's was timed at 17 minutes. In it he claimed four hits on one or other of Malik's hands, bowled four no-balls and drinks were taken.

With Capel bowling five no-balls in his own opening spell, and DeFreitas spraying things around, it was not a particularly tidy English performance. DeFreitas was hit on a big toe while batting in last week's Test match, only by the left-arm spinner, Iqbal Qasim, but it has left it badly bruised and yesterday he needed to cut the toe-cap out of his left boot to be able to bowl.

French missed an off-side stumping chance off Emburey, but there was nothing the matter with the ground fielding and Fairbrother did marvellously well to hold on to a mis-hit hook by Sohail, running in from square leg. It was a regular rocket of a return, too, from DeFreitas that ran out Dalpat, who was going for a second run towards the cover boundary.

Without a wrist spinner to pose any peculiar problems, there was no real chance of England running through the home side. Hemmings never quite recovered from his early hammering, he and Cook both letting more slip to the leg side of middle than they can have wanted, and after making short work of Zahoor, Emburey was pleased to take things easily.

The only Test cricketer Sahiwal can claim is Mansoor Elahi, currently Pakistan's No. 5. Their next, if it is not Wednesday's hero, Mushtaq Ahmed, could be Mansoor's brother, Zahoor, who opened the Chief Minister's innings and threw the bat at the ball much as Srikkanth does for India, without letting go of the handle.

When Zahoor made the mistake of trying to hit Emburey where he had been hitting Hemmings, he had scored 62 in 56 balls, including seven fours as well as those sixes.

Malik has no broken bones and expects to be fit for Faisalabad on Monday. Today's cricket promises to be what England make of it, and that is more likely to be batting practice for Broad, Robinson, Athey, Fairbrother and Capel than anything especially enterprising.

ENGLAND XI: First innings 279 (R T Robinson 51; Mushtaq Ahmed 6 for 81).

Second Innings

B C Broad not out	2
R T Robinson not out	7
Total (no wkt)	9

N H Fairbrother, C W J Athey, D J Capel, P A J DeFreitas, *J E Emburey, †B N French, E E Hemmings, N G B Cook and G R Dilley to bat.

BOWLING: Jaffer 2-1-6-0; Zakir 2-0-3-0.

CHIEF MINISTER'S XI: First Innings

Aamir Sohail c Fairbrother b Capel	0
Zahoor Elahi b Emburey	62
*Salim Malik retired hurt	27
Mansoor Rana c French b DeFreitas	42
Anwar Miandad lbw b Hemmings	12
†Anil Dalpat run out	1
Akram Raza c Fairbrother b Cook	37
Zakir Khan lbw b DeFreitas	4
Saleem Jaffer not out	7
Mushtaq Ahmed b Cook	0
Zulfiqar Butt c French b Cook	3
Extras (b 1, lb 7, nb 12)	20
Total	215

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-100, 3-157, 4-159, 5-160, 6-175, 7-208, 8-211, 9-215.

BOWLING: Dilley 8-2-35-0; Capel 11-1-47-1; Hemmings 13-2-49-1; DeFreitas 8.2-4-12-2; Cook 18.5-6-37-3; Emburey 10-2-27-1.

Umpires: Mesroor Ali and Iftikhar Malik.

Border allays the threat of Hadlee

Brisbane (Reuter) – The priority of the Australian captain, Allan Border, on the eve of the first Test match against New Zealand here was to stress that his team did not have a phobia about Richard Hadlee.

The New Zealand all-rounder, the second highest wicket-taker in Test history, poses the biggest threat to Border's team on his return to the international scene after missing the World Cup.

As the two teams prepared for their three-match series, starting today, Border said: "We haven't any Hadlee phobia and will be taking a positive approach.

"They (New Zealand) could have won either clash with us in the World Cup. But we have left the World Cup euphoria behind us. Credibility comes from the Test arena. The gauge is how you perform there and this one is vital to us."

Border will have vivid memories of Hadlee's performance when the sides last met in a Brisbane Test two years ago. The New Zealander achieved a Test career best nine for 52 and ended with a match haul of 15 for 123 that took his country to an innings' victory.

Hadlee has subsequently taken his Test tally to 355 wickets, and has Ian Botham's leading mark of 373 in his sights. With the England all-rounder opting out of touring, Hadlee is poised to become the highest Test wicket-taker during the next three months.

Jeff Crowe, the New Zealand captain, hinted that they could put the emphasis on seam, saying: "We might go in with Hadlee, Chatfield, Snedden and Morrison and drop one of the spinners if the first day atmosphere is overcast or heavy."

Waugh, the Australian all-rounder, who had a muscle problem, came through a work-out yesterday and is fit, as is fast bowler McDermott, who had complained of muscle stiffness.

Border is seeking to lead his country to a Test series win. Since taking over the captaincy during the 1984-85 home series against the West Indies, Border has led the team in six series, losing four and drawing two.

AUSTRALIA (from): A R Border (capt), G R Marsh, D C Boon, D M Jones, M R G Veletta, S R Waugh, P R Sleep, G C Dyer, C J McDermott, M G Hughes, B A Reid, T B A May.

NEW ZEALAND (from): J J Crowe (capt), J G Wright, K R Rutherford, A N Jones, M D Crowe, D N Patel, J G Bracewell, R J Hadlee, I D S Smith, M C Snedden, E J Chatfield, D K Morrison.

Richardson strikes best form

Pune (Reuter) – Richie Richardson struck a brilliant 147 to help the West Indians to a commanding 374 for five at the close of the first day of their three-day match against North Zone here yesterday.

Richardson unleashed a battery of strokes in an innings lasting 207 minutes, during which he hit 24 fours and two sixes off 181 balls.

The foundation for a big total on a good batting pitch had been laid by Greenidge and Haynes, the opening batsmen, who put on 108. Haynes was then joined in a second-wicket partnership of 85 with Richardson.

WEST INDIANS: First Innings

C G Greenidge st Vinayak b Inder Singh	58
D L Haynes c and b Sharma	70
R B Richardson b Prabhakar	147
P V Simmons c and b Inder Singh	2
C L Hooper c sub b Sharma	41
*R A Harper not out	31
E A E Baptiste not out	11
Extras (lb 2, nb 12)	14
Total (5 wkts)	374

C G Butts, W K M Benjamin, †D A Williams and W W Davis to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-108, 2-193, 3-196, 4-313, 5-354.

BOWLING: Prabhakar 13-1-73-1; Ghai 10-1-83-0; Amarnath 9-2-14-0; Singh 37-7-123-2; Sharma 18-2-79-2.

NORTH ZONE: *M Amarnath, S C Khanna, R Lamba, K Bhaskar, A Sharma, †R Vinayak, M Prabhakar, A Keypee, R S Ghai, M Inder Singh, G Singh

SKIING

Canadians charge into lead

From Iain Macleod
Val d'Isère

The prospect of Canadian victories this weekend for men and women emerged after yesterday's three training downhill runs. Laurie Graham, who has been impressive in training here, headed the final women's run, and Rob Boyd was quickest in both of the men's runs.

Their peformances temporarily served to deflect attention from the relatively poor opening to the season of the redoubtable Swiss squad.

However, suggestions of decline are clearly premature, says Michela Figini, the World Cup downhill champion. "It's nice to remember last season," she said, "but it is always hard to repeat the success of a good season: for an individual or the team. But we have strong motivation and competition within our team is very important. Our preparation has been very good."

But all the laurels belonged to Graham. She felt the Goitschel piste was: "Again hard, as there had been no fresh snow. The women's course is faster than the men's. There are no real cranking turns where you can lose speed." She has won here twice but tried to deflect undue pressure by saying: "I like to do well – winning is not all."

Boyd was perhaps even more impressive. The Canadian could even afford the luxury of standing up as he approached the finishing line on his second run. He felt the course to be "Smooth and a little bit soft. I'm so relaxed, it's like slow motion going down. I have time to think and react," Boyd said. His confidence reverberated in the Canadian team who had four in the top 10 on the first run.

Martin Bell, Britain's No. 1, had two disappointments – finishing 73rd and 64th. He felt the course was very slow.

FIFTH PRACTICE: Women: 1, L Graham (Can), 1:21.49; 2, B Oertli (Switz), 1:21.78; 3, S Wolf (Austria), 1:22.11. Men: 1, R Boyd (Can), 1:59.01; 2, D Sbardellotto (It), 1:59.51; 3, P Muller (Switz), 1:59.61. Sixth practice: 1, Boyd, 1:58.81; 2, Muller, 1:59.48; 3, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 1:59.62.

HOCKEY

Rowley rewarded for golden scoring patch

By Sydney Friskin

Keith Rowley, of St Albans, has been called into the England indoor squad preparing for the defence of the Home Countries title at Perth on December 18 and 19, as a replacement for Sean Kerly who has withdrawn.

Rowley has recently found a golden goal-scoring patch and is one of five additions summoned to a training weekend at Lilleshall on December 12 and 13. The others are, Phillips, Ferns, Robert Skinner and Gladman.

Ferns replaces Shaw (injured) and Phillips fills in as a goalkeeper for Rowlands, now touring Kenya with London Indians. Because of other commitments both Leman and Potter, of East Grinstead, are unlikely to attend, so Skinner and Gladman have been invited.

ENGLAND SQUAD: J Hurst, M Grimley, A Halliday, A Ferns, K Rowley, (all St Albans), S Taylor, D Knott, (both Stourport), D Faulkner (Fareham), J Potter, R Leman (both East Grinstead), I Sherwani (Slough), N Clark (Southgate), D Willis (Bromley), S Phillips, R Hill, R Purchase, P Nicholson, (all Firebrand), I Jennings (Combined Services), R Skinner (Isca), C Gladman (Tulse Hill).

ICE HOCKEY

Belanger goes to take out sting at Wasps

Murrayfield Racers and Durham Wasps meet at Kirkcaldy tomorrow afternoon in the final of the Norwich Union Cup: a repeat of the 1985 final, which Racers won (Norman de Mesquita writes).

Both qualified for tomorrow's final by the narrowest of margins. Racers had one goal to spare over Fife Flyers in the Scottish section and it was by a similar margin that Wasps survived against Solihull Barons in the English final.

At full strength, Wasps might be slight favourites, but they are an import short after the departure of Mario Belanger.

Despite strenuous efforts by Tom Smith, the team manager, they have been unable to come up with a replacement. Happily, Mark Reade has recovered from injury, but Belanger's absence could prove crucial.

After a slow start, Mike Snell seems to be settling down well with Racers and scored eight goals in last weekend's two matches. Although Wasps boast the greatest depth of British talent in the country, Racers have Tony Hand, who is as good as a fourth import and his presence could just tilt the balance in favour of Racers.

REAL TENNIS

Holders move through to reach final

Wayne Davies and Lachlan Deuchar, the holders, defeated Jonathan Howell and Kevin Sheldon 6-2, 6-0, 6-5 in the semi-finals of the George Wimpey Open doubles championship at Hampton Court yesterday. (William Stephens writes). They will meet the winners of the Chris Ronaldson and Mick Dean versus Norwood Cripps and Paul Tabley match tomorrow morning.

Cripps has won the open doubles 10 times since its inception in 1971 – first with Ronald Hughes, then three times with Charles Swallow and lastly with Alan Lovell six times.

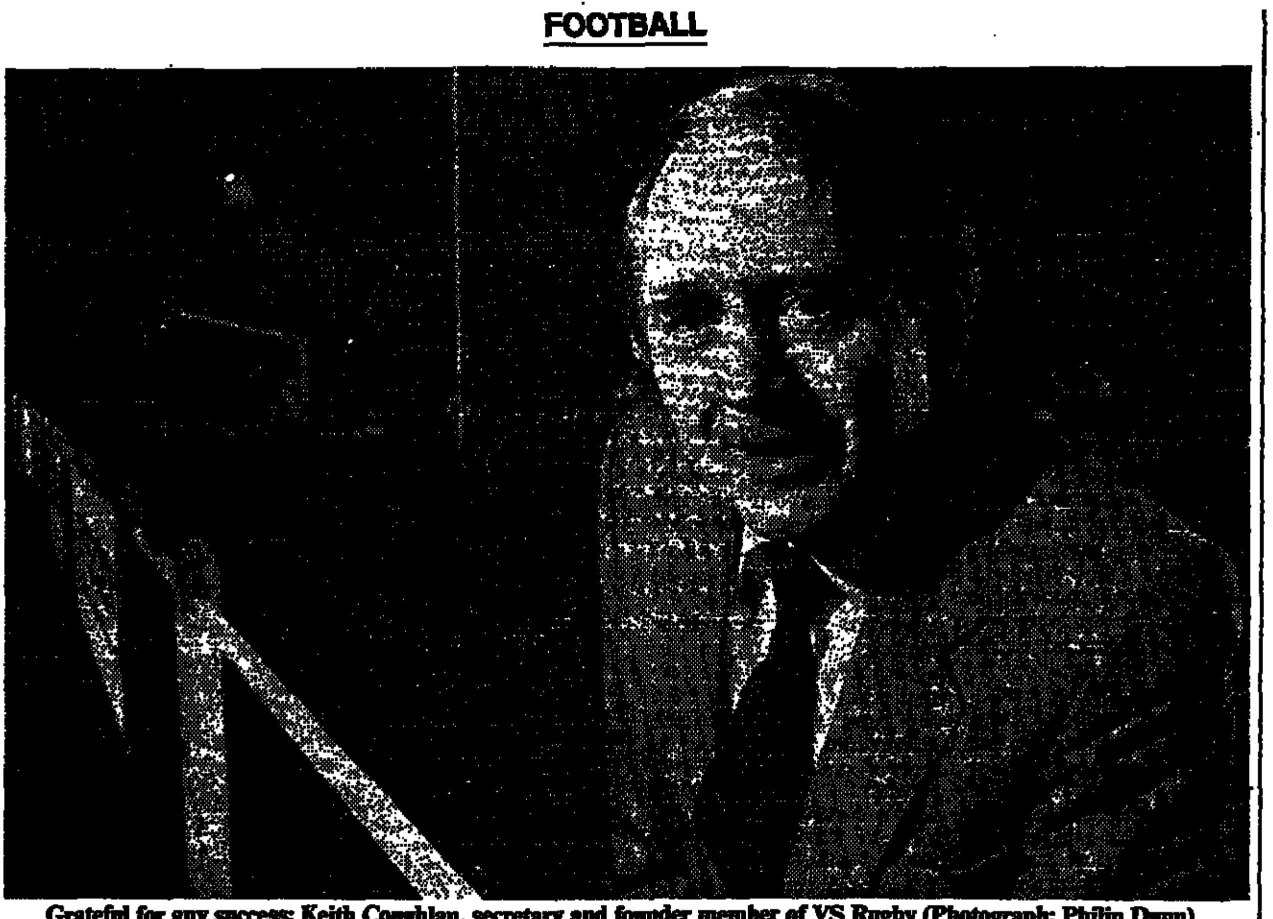
Tabley, is deputy professional at Melbourne and his powerful hitting contrasts effectively with Cripps's deft touch.

In the women's singles first round, Lesley Ronaldson, the holder, beat Melvyn Pignon 6-0, 6-0.

Melissa Meisl eliminated Elisabeth Woodthorpe, a former United States Open champion, by 6-3, 6-3.

RESULTS: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: J Howell (Bordeaux) bt C Bray (Seacourt) 6-4, 6-3, 6-2. Women's singles: First round: S Jones bt S Newsom 6-0, 6-0; K Allen bt R Lake 6-3, 6-1.

FOOTBALL



Grateful for any success: Keith Coughlan, secretary and founder member of VS Rugby (Photograph: Philip Dunn)

Falco set to return south

Mark Falco flew to London last night for transfer talks after Jim Smith, the Queen's Park Rangers manager, and Graeme Souness, his counterpart at Rangers, agreed a transfer fee of £400,000. Earlier in the day Falco had turned down a move to Norwich City.

Although the Thursday deadline for transfers was passed before Falco caught his plane south, he could still line up against Manchester United tomorrow as a loan player. His signing would increase Smith's spending to £1.35 million since David Bulstrode took over as chairman in June.

● Stuart Pearce, the Nottingham Forest left back, has ended transfer speculation by signing a new contract that will keep him at the City Ground for another three and a half years. Kjetil Osvold, Forest's Norwegian midfield player, has joined Leicester City on loan.

● Charlton Athletic will not have to sell players to ensure their survival, the club's vice-chairman, Richard Collins insisted yesterday. The struggling first division club, who are more then £2 million in the red, have denied that they are on the brink of folding.

"Charlton FC were astonished to read the articles appearing in the national newspapers today stating that the club was in financial difficulties and would be going out of business at 'times between now and the end of the season'," Collins said in a statement. "These rumours are entirely without foundation and bear no element of truth."

● Colin Walker, the former dustman signed by Sheffield Wednesday last year, leaves in January for a third spell in New Zealand, this time as player-manager with his former club, Gisborne City.
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● Chesterfield have paid Lincoln City a small fee for their former defender, Les Hunter.

● Gary Bailey, the former England goalkeeper, is planning a comeback to professional football but the Welsh international, Eddie Niedzwiecki, is wondering if he will play again after four operations on the knee ligaments he damaged last year.

Seven months after being forced to retire, surgeons have removed a piece of razor-sharp bone in Bailey's knee but the former Manchester United player will not be able to play top-class English football again, because he accepted an insurance settlement.

● John Wark, Liverpool's Scottish international midfield player, will not be rejoining his former club, Ipswich Town. Liverpool had agreed a fee of £100,000 with Ipswich but Wark failed to agree personal terms.

● Gordon Owen, the Bristol City winger, has asked for a transfer because he is homesick for Yorkshire. He would like to return to Barnsley but they have turned down the chance of taking him back in return for midfield player, Jim Dobbin.

Street footballers take step towards Wembley Way

By Paul Newman

FA CUP

Thirty-one years ago a group of youngsters in the Warwickshire town of Rugby decided it was time to take their street football more seriously.

Keith Coughlan, who became secretary "because I was the one who made the inquiries about what we should do", secured a place for the team in the third division of the Rugby & District League. The area of town where they came from was known affectionately as the "Happy Valley" and the team was duly named Valley Sports.

Today VS Rugby, as they have since become known, could be on the verge of their finest hour. Tomorrow they play in the second round of the FA Cup at home to Bristol Rovers, and Coughlan, who has remained secretary throughout, knows they could be just 90 minutes away from a place in the third round alongside the likes of Liverpool and Manchester United. "It's the sort of prospect you don't even dare think about," he said.

Coughlan is the only founder member still working for VS in an official capacity, but others have remained regular supporters. The club, now in the premier division of the Beazer Homes League, prides itself on its close-knit family atmosphere. For example, Coughlan's wife, Carole, helps prepare the match-day teas and two former chairmen and their wives help organize the finances.

VS took their first big step forward when they joined the United Counties League in 1969. They moved on to the West Midlands League in 1975 and the Southern League (now the Beazer Homes League) in 1983, when they enjoyed their greatest moment as winners of the FA Vase at Wembley.

They moved to their council-owned Butlin Road ground in 1973 and have spent several hundred thousand pounds converting it from an area of sloping allotment land into a respectable non-League football stadium.

The ground has covered standing areas at both ends, a 200-seat stand – an extra 440 temporary seats are being installed for tomorrow's game – and a capacity of 5,000. The record gate for a competitive match was set three years ago, when 3,961 people saw VS lose to Northampton Town in an FA Cup first round replay. Their average attendance of 500 is one of the best in the league.

There has been a long history of senior non-League football in the area, for Rugby Town were a prominent Southern League club before folding in the early 1970s.

"We've lived in their shadow for a long time," Coughlan said. "Until very recently a lot of people still regarded us as a little junior club, but I think our achievements in the last couple of years have changed that."

Jimmy Knox, the VS manager, whose brother Archie is assistant to Alex Ferguson at Manchester United, played for and later managed Rugby Town after being released by Coventry City. He took over at Butlin Road in 1981 and saw VS lose their first 11 games under his charge. However, he and the club have not looked back since.

The latest triumph came last season, when VS won the Southern League midland division championship, and this year's FA Cup run has continued a recent tradition of success in the competition.

This is the first time VS have played in the second round, but they have reached the first round four years in succession.

Promotion to the GM Vauxhall Conference would be the next move forward for the club, but Coughlan does not believe in setting targets.

"From the beginning we never really set out to achieve anything in terms of moving on from one league to another," he said. "We were just a bunch of kids who wanted to play football. We've just been grateful for every bit of success that has come along."

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Small clubs do the Welsh Cup proud

By Paul Newman

The Welsh Cup's recent reputation for outstanding performances by non-League clubs was enhanced by two remarkable third-round results this week. While Kidderminster Harriers, who were losing finalists in 1986, were winning 3-0 at Hereford United, Haverfordwest County were recording an even more surprising victory, 4-2 away to Newport County.

Haverfordwest, who play in the national division of the Abacus Welsh League, have twice reached the quarter-finals but had never knocked out a Football League club.

Their manager, Micky Lenihan, a former Swansea City player, has built a side with considerable experience: Paul Burrows and Jimmy Loveridge both played League football for Swansea and Chris Rodon appeared for Brighton and Cardiff City.

The club won the Welsh League first and premier divisions in Lenihan's first two seasons after his appointment eight years ago and has never finished outside the top six since.

Kidderminster's success was achieved with three goals by Robert Jones, their recent signing from Walsall. Tomorrow the GM Vauxhall Conference club hopes to reach the third round of the FA Cup for the first time by beating Maidstone United.

Cardiff's aim tomorrow is to avoid becoming the third League club to be knocked out of the Welsh Cup by non-League opposition this season. They entertain Ebbw Vale in a third round replay after last month's goalless draw, also at Ninian Park.

Ebbw Vale were drawn at home but did not have suitable facilities to stage the game. Among other clubs going into today's draw for the last 16 are such unlikely names as Brymbo Steelworks and Llay Royal British Legion.

At 110-years-old, the competition, one of the oldest in the world, has assumed great importance because the winners – provided they are Welsh – qualify for the European Cup Winners' Cup. English clubs close to the Welsh border have competed in the competition throughout its history.

Wednesday's results

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group seven: Luxembourg 0, Scotland 0. Group five: Hungary 1, Cyprus 0.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying matches: Group two: Italy 6, Portugal 0; Group eight: Bulgaria 2, West Germany 1.

SIMOD CUP: Second round: Bradford City 2, Newcastle Utd 1.

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING MATCHES: Yugoslavia 4, Belgium 0; Greece 0, Poland 1.

IRISH BUDWEISER CUP: Second round: Bangor 2, Ballymena 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Huddersfield 0, Hull 0; Leicester 2, Sunderland 1; Nottingham Forest 1, Leeds 0. Second division: Bolton 1, Blackburn 0; Newcastle 1, Scunthorpe 1; Port Vale 2, Wigan 0; Preston 2, Stoke 0; West Bromwich 2, Barnsley 0.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Brighton 4, Fulham 3; Crystal Palace 1, Portsmouth 2; Millwall 0, West Ham 1; Norwich 2, Ipswich 0; Reading 1, Charlton 2; Swindon 1, Oxford 3.

GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Second round: Yeovil 2, Wokingham 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Eastwood 0, Stalybridge 2; Radcliffe 1, Fleetwood 5; Winsford 1, Droylsden 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton 2, Witney 1. Midland division: Mile Oak 2, Coventry Sporting 0. Southern division: Sheppey 0, Waterlooville 1. Westgate Insurance Cup: First round: Merthyr Tydfil 2, Bromsgrove 2; Halesowen 0, Nuneaton 2.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division south: Horsham 4, Camberley 0; Molesey 2, Eastbourne United 3.

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Walsall 4, Cambridge United 2; Watford 2, Bournemouth 1.

HAMILTON, Bermuda: Tour match: Somerset Trojans 1, Manchester United 4.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: First round: Kingsbury 2, Hampton 1.

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Second round: Wick 3, Hastings Town 1.

ESFA GILLETTE TROPHY: Fifth round: Exeter 1, Havering 1.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Old Boys League 2, Southern Amateur League 0.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Brest 2, Laval 1.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Highgate 5, Christ's 0.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

HENLOW: London Services League cross-country race (6 miles): 1, SAC P Nash (RAF High Wycombe), 31min 29sec; 2, Cpl P Jenkins (RAF High Wycombe), 32:27; 3, Sqd Ldr C Nichol (RAF High Wycombe), 32:27. Team: 1, RAF High Wycombe, 12pts. Women (3 miles): 1, SACW S Bower (RAF Henlow), 17:52.

TENNIS

BUENOS AIRES: Argentinian Women's Open: Second round: G Miro (Br) bt N Marcucci (Arg), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; B Fulco (Arg) bt L Corsato (Br), 6-3, 6-0; P Tarabini (Arg) bt M Strebbel (Switz), 6-1, 7-5; B Paulus (Aus) bt A Tiezzi (Arg), 6-4, 6-3; L Garrone (It) bt P Ritter (Austria), 6-1, 6-4; L Lapi (It) bt A Vieira (Br), 6-1, 6-0; O Tsarbopoulou (Gr) bt P Vazquez (Peru), 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; C Christian (US) bt A Gerber (WG), 6-1, 6-4; L A Spadea (US) bt K Duell (WG), 7-5, 6-4, 6-4; Y der Kinderen (Neth) bt K Skulj (Yug), 6-0, 6-4; A Bretzner (WG) bt L Antonopolis (US), 7-6, 6-2; V Nelson Dunbar (US) bt L Pennington (GB), 6-1, 6-2.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Bracknell Tigers 102 (Potts 31, Gordon 21), Hemel and Watford 96 (Thomas 33, Keenan 29); Sunderland 76ers 83 (Saunders 32, Lynch 15), Portsmouth FC 105 (Cunningham 26, Strong 25).

KORAC CUP: Men's quarter-final pool: PAOK Salonika (Gr) 88, Estudiantes Madrid 86; Cibona Zagreb (Yug) 112, Manchester United 82; Arexons Cantu (It) 94, Hapoel Tel Aviv (Isr) 78; Netanya (Isr) 82, Monaco 88; Racing Club Paris 91, Caserta (It) 81.

EUROPEAN CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP: Men's quarter-final pool: Nashua Den Bosch (Neth) 103, Maccabi Tel Aviv (Isr) 102. Women's quarter-final pool: Dynamo Novosibirsk (USSR) 89, Sparta Prague (Cz) 77.

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Men's quarter-final pool: Scavolini Pesaro (It) 96, Hapoel Galil Elyon (Isr) 81; Polycell Kingston 106 (Boneriager 23, Clark 21), Limoges (Fr) 109 (Collins 34, Dacoury 33) (aet: 94-94 after full time).

WOMEN'S RONCHETTI CUP: Quarter-final pool: Racing Club Paris 78, Partizan Belgrade 56; Spartak Leningrad 100, Elemes Sibenik (Yug) 85.

BPSA CHAMPIONSHIP: Eighth-finals: Teesside 102, Sheffield 92; Manchester 93, Leicester 85.

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBL): Boston Celtics 130, New Jersey Nets 99; Cleveland Cavaliers 104, Seattle Supersonics 102; Detroit Pistons 115, Milwaukee Bucks 105, Indiana Pacers 108, Washington Bullets 102; San Antonio Spurs 87, Houston Rockets 93; Denver Nuggets 147, Sacramento Kings 120; Chicago Bulls 105, Utah Jazz 101; Portland Trailblazers 117, Los Angeles Lakers 104, Los Angeles Clippers 88 Philadelphia 76ers 85.

BOXING

SAN GIUSEPPE VESUVIANO, Italy: World Boxing Council super-welterweight bout (12 rounds): Giovanni de Marco (It) bt Raul Abeldano (Arg, holder), pts.

PORTSMOUTH: Representative match: HMS Sultan 4 Oxford University BC 6 (Oxford names first): Heavyweight: J Considine bt A McMonagle, pts; T Gaynor bt S Wells, pts. Light-heavyweight: Simon Duggan lost to S Russell, pts; M Rollins lost to R Beale, rsc, 2nd rnd. Middleweight: K Rogers bt A Wain, rsc, 2nd rnd; M Panting lost to C Hughes, pts; M Anstiss lost to P Smith, pts; M Lineham bt D Taylor, rsc, 2nd rnd. Welterweight: R Duggan bt C Patterson, rsc, 3rd rnd; C Livesey bt C May, pts.

FIVES

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON ETON AND RUGBY FIVES CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: D Carruthers (Royal Holloway College) bt K Hutchinson (University College), 5-15, 3-15, 15-13, 11-15, 17-15, 16-14, 15-13.

FOOTBALL

BPSA CHAMPIONSHIP: Eighth-finals: Wales 2, Kingston 1; Leeds 3, Sunderland 0.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Charleroi 2, Waregem 1.

BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final, second leg: Atletico Mineiro 2, Flamengo 3 (Flamengo win 4-2 on agg).

GOLF

TITIRANGI: New Zealand Open (Australian unless stated): First round leaders: 65: W Grady; P Foley. 67: V Somers, W Riley, D Smith, O Moore, J Evans. 68: J Deep; D Lewellyn (GB); A Lyle (GB), P Fowler. 69: G Taylor; R Rafferty (GB); R Gibson (Can); M Akazawa (Japan); R Erskine (US); R Davis; S Ginn; J Anderson (Can); M Ferguson.

NISHINOMIYA: Japan series tournament: First round leaders: 67: I Aoki (Japan). 68: M Ozaki (Japan), B Jones (Aus). 69: D Ishii (US).

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: London University 2, Oxford University 1; Guildford 1, Cambridge University 3

BPSA CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men's eighth-finals: Sunderland 9, Trent 8 (aet); North Staffs 2, Wolverhampton 0; Thames 5, Hatfield 1; Leicester 1, Liverpool 2. Women's eighth-final: Thames 5, Middlesex 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Detroit Red Wings 7, Edmonton Oilers 4; Boston Bruins 5, Hartford Whalers 3; Montreal Canadiens 3, Vancouver Canucks 3 (in OT); New York Islanders 7, Pittsburgh Penguins 1; St Louis Blues 5 Chicago Black Hawks 1.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bedford 26, Loughborough Students 11; Bridgend 26, S Glamorgan IHE 12; Cardiff 20, Newbridge 0; Coventry 11, London Irish 3; Llanelli 10, Neath 0; Lydney 11, Moseley 3; S Wales Police 20, Glamorgan Wands 15.

COURAGE FLOODLIT CUP: Semi-final: Westcombe Park 7, Erith 4.

BPSA CHAMPIONSHIP: Eighth-finals: North Staffs 17, Leicester 8; Wales 32, Portsmouth 6, Sheffield 13, Teesside 12.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Abingdon 0, St Edward's Oxford 24; Adams 12, Wrekin 22; Churcher's 13, Peter Simmons 8; Cornwall 14, Truro 38; Emanuel 23, Sutton Valence 0; King Edward's Aston 4, Bishop Vesey's GS 3; King's Gloucester 3, Prior Park 0; Lord William's 8, Henley 0; Oratory 13, London Oratory 6; Wellington (Somerset) 23, Kelly 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Castleford 12, Wigan 10.

SQUASH RACKETS

LEEDS: Rothwell Open men's championships: Semi-finals: A Wray bt G Topliss, 5-9, 9-10, 10-8, 10-9, 10-8; B Duncombe w/o S Daniels.

TABLE TENNIS

SICILY: European League, first division: Italy 1, England 6.

SNOOKER

NORTHAMPTON: Fosters world doubles championships: Third round (GB unless stated): David Taylor and E Charlton (Aus) bt M Wildman and R Edmonds, 5-3; J Virgo and K Stevens (Can) bt R Bales and S Newbury, 5-3; J Parrott and D Reynolds bt B West and S Duggan, 5-2; M Hallett and S Hendry bt W Werbeniuk (Can) and D Fowler, 5-2; J Chambers and M Clark bt S Davis and A Meo, 5-1; S James and D Roe (Eng) bt D Martin and J Spencer (Eng), 5-2; D O'Kane (NZ) and J Wych (Can) bt J White and W Thorne (Eng), 5-3; M Macleod and J Campbell (Aus) bt I Williamson and R Foldvari (Aus), 5-4; R Williams and G Miles bt J O'Boye (Ire) and B Harris, 5-1; C Wilson and W King (Aus) bt M Smith and D Gilbert, 5-3;

BADMINTON

SWANSEA: International match, Scotland v Wales (Welsh names first): P Sutton bt A White, 8-15, 15-11, 15-8; C Rees bt J Meller, 15-10, 15-6; C McIntosh lost to J Allan, 11-0, 1-11, 2-11; S Doody and C Watson bt A Gibson and G Martin, 7-15, 15-4, 15-7; L Williams and C Rees bt A White and D Shaylor, 15-5, 15-8; A Spencer and P Sutton bt D Travers and R Hogg, 15-12, 7-15, 15-11.

BARNSTAPLE: Railcard team challenge tournament: Fourth round: Men's singles: S Baddeley (Sussex, capt) bt M Johnson (Surrey), 15-5, 17-15. Women's singles: F Elliott (Surrey) bt G Clark (Kent), 7-11, 11-4, 11-2. Mixed doubles: G Giles (Middx) and A Goode (Herts) bt M Tredgett (Gloucs, capt) and G Gowers (Sussex), 15-3, 12-15, 15-9.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Freight Rover Trophy
Preliminary round

Crewe Alexandra v Bury ……………

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Welsh championships (at Cardiff).

BASKETBALL: Carlsberg League: Solent v Calderdale (8.0).

DARTS: Winmau World championships (at Kensington).

SNOOKER: Foster's World doubles championship (at Northampton).

SQUASH RACKETS: InterCity National championships (at Redwood Lodge, Bristol); Rothwell open championship (at Leeds).

SWIMMING: Sun Life Diving Cup (at Crystal Palace); Barnet short course championships (at Copthall).

TENNIS: Home countries tournaments (at Dublin, Telford and Glasgow).

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL: World series: Minnesota Twins v St Louis Cardinals, fifth game. ITV: 4.55 a.m. (tomorrow).

DARTS AND SNOOKER: Winmau World masters from Rainbow Suite, Kensington and Foster's World doubles championship from Northampton. ITV: 11 p.m.

FRIDAY REPORT: Members only: A visit to Luton Town and Colchester United football clubs to appraise the effect of banning away supporters. BBC2: 8 p.m.

SPORT ON FRIDAY: Skiing: Assessment of prospects as the men's downhill season starts in Val d'Isère tomorrow. Sports review 1987: A look at the leading contenders for the 1987 BBC Television Sports Personality of the Year. BBC2: 2.15-4.0 p.m.

SQUASH RACKETS

Jansher is on top of the world

From Colin McQuillan
Muscat

Jansher Khan, the teenage world champion from Pakistan, celebrated unofficial news from the International Squash Players Association that he has at last taken over from his compatriot Jahangir Khan as world No. 1 by defeating Chris Dittmar, of Australia, 2-9, 9-3, 9-5, 10-8 in 64 minutes in the final of the Al Falaj grand prix tournament here yesterday.

It was his seventh successive win this season over the left-hander from Adelaide and his ninth title win out of the 10 major international tournaments in the same period.

Dittmar took total control of the court in a 14-minute first game as a stream of errors came from the racket of the usually-faultless world champion.

However, such inspiration was of little avail in the next two games, which lasted a total of 23 minutes as Jansher collected his thoughts and settled to the familiar pattern of scintillating court coverage punctuated by disguised wrong-footing drives and astonishing drops from full-stretch pick-ups.

Dittmar found his second wind in the fourth game and clawed back from 0-4 to 8-7 with a mixture of miraculous retrieving and precision shots which drew more errors of elevation from the champion.

Three reverse angled back-hands in the front court kept Jansher in the game, wrong-footing Dittmar at vital moments, but it took him five changes of service and six let-calls to clinch match ball at 10-8.

Strength of women underlined

The strength of the British women's game may be judged by the fact that two world champion teams are included in the top 16 seeds for the InterCity national championships, starting at Bristol today (Colin McQuillan writes).

Lisa Opie, Martine Le Moignan and Lucy Soutter won the senior title in New Zealand in October, while Donna Vardy, Senga Macfie and Sue Wright took the junior title at Brighton in August.

Opie, the defending champion, will find her principal challengers in Le Moignan and Soutter, who have both held the title before. Alison Cumings, a former champion, has withdrawn through injuries.

SEEDINGS: Men: N Harvey, P Kenyon, B Beeson, M Bodimeade, G Briars, J Hickox, G Williams, S Hailstone, D Harris, P Whitlock, M Maclean, J Nicolle, P Carter, D Meddings, A Davies, C Jones. Women: L Opie, M Le Moignan, L Soutter, R Best, D Vardy, A Smith, F Geaves, F Roberts, M Warren-Hawkes, S Macfie, R Strauss, C Jackman, A Pilling, J Parker, S Wright.

Harvey evades censure with sound reasons

Neil Harvey, the No. 1 seed for the InterCity national championship at Bristol today, has escaped disciplinary action, despite failing to finish his American Express Premier League match with Phil Whitlock, another England international (a Special Correspondent writes).

Harvey walked off court after a disputed decision at match-ball – an action leaving him open to a fine or suspension. Punishment was expected to be swift and severe after Andrew Shelley, the League administrator, warned: "Behaviour which undermines a referee's authority cannot be tolerated."

After investigation, Shelley now concludes Harvey has no case to answer.

"Harvey left the court thinking he had lost the match, rather than being 7-8 down. He shook hands and did not dispute the situation with the referee. Since his loss cost the match, the League needs only to look at the lack of a referees' microphone at the venue."

VOLLEYBALL

Cubans head challenge from overseas

Barring any late withdrawals, three teams from the world's leading eight women's nations will play in London over the New Year period as the English Volleyball Association (EVA) continues with its policy to promote the sport at the top level in this country.

It promises to be the strongest combination of talent ever assembled in the British Isles but it is a costly venture after the withdrawal of last year's sponsor, Pickfords.

The tournament has a guaranteed five hours of television coverage but, although the EVA will cut their costs with court-side advertising boards, they are still looking for a major sponsor

Cuba, who share the world No. 1 ranking with China, are returning, having won the inaugural tournament at the Alexandra Pavilion in January, as are the East German team, ranked No. 4 in the world.

South Korea, ranked No. 8, the Netherlands and Canada have also indicated their intention to compete in the tournament which runs from December 31 to January 3.

England will open proceedings with a match against Canada and, having not won as much as a set in the competition last January against teams of similar strength, are unlikely to make much of an impression.

DRAW: Group A: East Germany, England, South Korea. Group B: Cuba, The Netherlands, Canada.

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Stadium told of low-key affair

Wembley Stadium has refused to accept any responsibilty for the disorderly scenes at the Grand Hall (Srikumar Sen writes). David Griffiths, the chief executive of the company, said yesterday that it was told the show would be a quiet, low-key affair.

Griffiths revealed that Wembley had sold only 486 tickets but that 1,086 were present in the hall. This can only mean that 700 tickets were given away as complimentaries by the promoters.

Wembley was never told that there had been problems with Bobby Frankham's supporters or that there had been complaints from John Morris, secretary of the boxing board, about their behaviour at two promotions at York Hall, London.

Griffiths rejected Morris's claim that the stewarding was inadequate. "There were 76 stewards on duty, which makes one steward to every 15 spectators," he said. Griffiths has faxed a letter to the board asking it whether itagrees with Morris's views about stewarding.

Griffiths said that meetings had been held with the promoters, Mickey Duff and Mike Barrett, and the police well in advance and Wembley was given to understand that "this was a low-key bill with no history of problems."

Nathan backing

Syd Nathan, British boxing's most senior referee, admitted yesterday that there is an element of danger every time he enters the ring. However, Nathan said: "I would say that 99 per cent of boxers are the most controlled athletes in any sport."

Colin Moynihan, the Sports Minister and a former Boxing Board steward, condemned the scenes at Wembley. "While such an incident is rare in boxing, it reflects badly on the sport," he said.

Punched referee is blamed

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Richie Davis, the referee who was punched by Bobby Frankham, the Newmarket light-heavyweight boxer, at the Grand Hall, Wembley on Wednesday night, was blamed yesterday by Mike Barrett, the co-promoter of the show, for allowing the incident to happen and the subsequent breakdown of order in the hall.

Barrett, who also manages Frankham, said: "Unfortunately, the referee last night, in my opinion, acted very prematurely and lost control. The premature stoppage of the fight started off the fighting.

"I hope the board will take into consideration the fact that their own referee may have been at fault. Referees have a very difficult job – they are all human and can all make mistakes at times. I think last night's referee did make a mistake, but that does not mean he is a bad referee."

Frankham's trainer, Darkie Smith, added: "I think Davies is one of the best young referees around but on this occasion he was never in control and was even shaking. He didn't like Bobby's antics and couldn't handle the situation. He stopped the fight without giving Bobby a count the second time and without even looking at him."

Davies, aged 32, who had a police escort as he left Wembley, said: "I'm just sick for the sake of the sport I love. Nothing like this has ever happened to me before."

Frankham said: "I was laughing after I was knocked down the second time and I wasn't hurt. I've never been stopped in my life before – I have over 120 amateur fights – and it shouldn't have been stopped this time."

The dark young gipsy, who fancies his "flash" style and is not averse to belittling his opponent by kissing him or sticking his tongue out, as he did at Billy Sims, of Hackney, on Wednesday night, was decked for the first time in his life.

He just could not take the humiliation in front of his supporters when the referee stopped the bout after the second knockdown and prevented him from getting even with Sims. He decided to take matters into his own hands by throwing a tantrum and then punches at the referee and at Sims's cornermen and even tried to start an unofficial second round with Sims.

Frankham was full of remorse yesterday as he faced the Press. Dressed in a Rocky Marciano tee-shirt under a black jerkin, he said he did not know what happened. "I just had a brainstorm. I feel ashamed and terrible about it all. . .it was a bad way to get famous," he said, with a squiggle of a smile on his dark, matinee idol face.

But the secretary of British Boxing Board of Control, John Morris, was was not holding back on his own punches. "Whatever a referee does or however he handles a contest is no reason for the kind of behaviour that happened here. It is like saying if a football referee gives a penalty wrongly and a goal is scored from it a player can go up and beat up the referee."

Morris said that Frankham, his cornermen and the referee would have their say at an emergency Southern Area Council meeting to discuss the handling of the bout and the stewarding. The promoters could also be called to account. The recommendations of the council will be passed on to the board for consideration.

The scuffles in the ring led to dust-ups between rival supporters on the stage and in different parts of the hall. Morris said that the stewarding was not good. He had warned Barrett about Frankham's rowdy supporters. It is understood that 700 complimentary tickets were given away for a show for which only 486 were sold. How many of these went to Frankham's following, who are being blamed for the trouble?

Morris said that at Frankham's contest at the York Hall, London, earlier this year his supporters were drinking, crowding the ring, blocking the aisles and fighting in the foyer, yet little action was taken for a second bout at the same venue.

Barrett replied: "We had a meeting at Wembley last Friday with the police and chief of stewarding and the police informed us that they would have adequate people outside because of the pop concert at Wembley Arena next door and that they would be able to get inside the Grand Hall in two or three minutes."

Barrett said there were plenty of stewards. "But they are not going to get involved in fist fights – they are not strong-arm men." Barrett is right. They were as soft as the furnishings at the plush hall. Generally, boxing shows have large stewards, with muscles bulging through tee-shirts.

In recent years two boxers have been suspended *sine die* by the board for incidents involving referees. Tony Cook, a Scot, was banned after grabbing hold of a referee and Julian Monville, a light-middleweight from Hackney, was banned and jailed for attacking the referee and the timekeeper at Solihull. Morris does not feel that a life ban will be imposed on Frankham.

Rebel without a cause: Frankham bites his lip in remorse (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

McKenzie may decline

Duke McKenzie, Britain's European flyweight champion, is in danger of losing his title and the biggest purse of his career – £24,000 (Srikumar Sen writes). The Croydon flyweight who outpointed the former world champion, Juan Herrera, at Wembley on Wednesday, has been told by the European Boxing Union to defend his title against Dave McAuley by January 27 in Belfast or forfeit his crown.

McKenzie's manager, Mickey Duff, who does not want him to risk his world No. 1 position in the hostile atmosphere of the King's Hall could advise him to sidestep the Larne boxer. "It is also a matter of principle. I don't think he should go to Belfast," Duff said.

Meanwhile, Horace Notice will meet his old rival, Hughroy Currie, of Catford, at the end of January.

END COLUMN

France goes on drugs alert

By Derek Parr

Time trials have turned into times of trial for French cyclists caught up in doping offences amid a larger campaign to combat drug abuse in sport.

An amateur cyclist was jailed for two months and 15 other riders received suspended sentences in an unprecedented trial of more than 60 cyclists, doctors, pharmacists and their assistants, which ended in Laon last week.

Twenty-three people are on trial in Poitiers on similar counts

This year's Tour de France produced evidence of abuse at the top when Guido Bontempi, of Italy, and Dietrich Tharau, of West Germany, were fined and given suspended one-month bans after positive dope tests.

French honour was stung last month with news that Jeannie Longo, the women's world cycling champion, had returned a positive dope test after setting a world 3km record in Colorado Springs.

Longo, the Tour de France champion, rejected the charge as "defamatory" and attributed the discovery of tiny quantities of the outlawed substance ephedrine to a herbal therapy for pain in her legs. "I am one of the healthiest people in world sport, which is full of hormones and drugs, covered up most of the time by the federations," she said.

Cycling has attracted the spotlight but France needs no reminding of doping abuse in other sports. Three Frenchmen were banned for two years by the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) in September for doping. Antoine Richard, a sprinter, blamed treatment he received for tendonitis but Jean-Louis Demarne, a shot-putter, and Eric de Smedt, a hammer thrower, who both tested positively for anabolic steroids, made no excuses.

Longo: healthy

Christian Bergelin, the French Secretary of State for Sport, launched a "merciless struggle" against drug abuse last May. "Public authorities . . . will be intransigent with cheats and their providers. We believe doping is suicide on credit because it causes enormous damage in the medium and long term after the sports career," he said.

Top-level athletes mounted an anti-dope campaign in October in the wake of allegations which Stephane Caristan, the European 110 metres hurdles champion, said allowed doubt to be cast on the credibility of performances. Caristan and his team-mates drafted a manifesto declaring signatories "have never taken and never will voluntarily take banned products for any purpose whatsoever."

The French Athletics Federation increased efforts and carried out 152 controls during the past season – fourth among the 40 national federations which pursued the same policy – and increased controls are in evidence across the sporting spectrum

Some defendants at the six-week trial in Laon felt they were scapegoats. "I haven't killed, I haven't stolen and they allow themselves to judge me like a murderer. They wanted a trial as an example," Guy Bricnet, an amateur cyclist, said. Bricnet, who claimed 90 per cent of regional riders used doping products, received a suspended 15-month sentence as accomplice of Eric Ramelet, the rider at the centre of the trial.

Few in France have been as candid on doping as Philippe Boyer, a former world championship amateur 1km sprint silver medal winner. "I tried a number of doping products, some of them very dangerous, to increase my capacity to work in training and because that was the only way to follow if I wanted to remain at the top level," he told *L'Equipe* magazine two years ago.

Boyer was speaking out to put young racers on their guard. More recently he explained: "I'd had enough of turning up for a competition with a wooden sword when my opponents had the atom bomb."

DEREK PARR is a Reuters correspondent in Paris

Woosnam still in impressive form

Sun City (Reuter) – The South African, Fulton Allem, playing as a late replacement for Mark McNulty, surprised the strong field with a score of 66 to take the first round lead in the Sun City Million Dollar Golf Challenge yesterday.

It earned him $50,000 (£27,500) for the lowest score of the day, a birdie at the last keeping him ahead of Ian Woosnam.

The Open champion, Nick Faldo, could be well satisfied with a score of 68 and it was the two Americans, Lanny Wadkins and Curtis Strange who brought up the rear of the eight-man field.

Allem said he did not think about the massive prize during his round, which included seven birdies and one dropped shot, at the eighth. "You can't go out there and start thinking about the money. I had a job to do and it ended up fantastic," he said.

Woosnam must have known he would have a good round when his putt stopped on the rim of the first hole for a split-second before dropping

The Welshman had another birdie at the sixth, dropped a shot at the eighth and then swept through the second nine holes in a four-under-par 32. Faldo won the biggest cheer of the day when he chipped out of a bunker into the hole for a birdie at the 16th.

FIRST ROUND SCORES: 66: F Allem (SA); 67: I Woosnam (Wal); 68: N Faldo (Eng), J-M Olazabal (Sp); 70: D Frost (SA), B Langer (WG); 71: L Wadkins (US); 72: C Strange (US).

Privatization scheme is nonsense, Howell says

By John Goodbody

Denis Howell, the Shadow Minister for Sport, yesterday attacked Government proposals to privatize municipal sports facilities and to reduce the provision for physical education in school curricula.

Speaking at the annual conference of the Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR) in Birmingham, Howell articulated the mood of concern of the representatives of 75 governing bodies of sport by saying that the suggestions "would destroy the philosophy of sport as a social service".

The Government will consider next Friday how to implement its consultation paper on competition in the management of local authority sport and leisure facilities, which suggests that publicly-owned centres should be put out to private tender.

"The people who are likely to be priced out are the poorly-paid, people on the Manpower Services schemes and many housewives," Howell said.

He was particularly critical of the proposal that there should be privatization of management, leaving the local authority which has built the facilities to pay off the loan charges for the upkeep of the buildings and also a management fee. "It is utter nonsense," Howell added.

Even allowing for political differences, it was an unusually sharp attack by a man who, until the appointment in June of Colin Moynihan, was regarded as the best qualified and most effective Minister for Sport.

Howell's speech follows this week's letter from the Amateur Athletic Association (AAA) to Moynihan in which it was said that the proposals would "price out young people and have a catastrophic effect on sport". The Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) supported the AAA, stressing its opposition to the privatization of swimming pools.

The Labour MP for Small Heath then focussed on the Education Bill with its reduction in physical education from two hours to one in school core curriculum. "It would be of profound concern to me if the amount of sport were lessened. There would be no British sport without school sport."

He also said that the proposals to contract teachers for 1,265 hours a year would interfere with the coaching of sport. "Teachers are already resentful about their conditions and pay. Teaching of sport outside schools requires dedication, and that cannot be done under a contract."

Moynihan was unable to attend the conference because of Parliamentary business, but John Carlisle, chairman of the Conservative Party sports committee, spoke in the Government's defence. "We are trying to encourage more effective management," he said. "We should look at local facilities to make them more effective."

Carlisle, MP for Luton North, questioned whether all centres are run efficiently and said that the 'disadvantaged' often did not know that the facilities existed.

He agreed that it was wrong to reduce sports physical education in schools from two hours to one, but said that he thought the teachers would still be anxious to work outside their contract.

The Department of the Environment, which will consider the consultation paper next week, has always stressed that it is not proposing the privatization of facilities. Instead, it is competition in the management of local authorities' sports facilities.

A spokesman said: "It would be for local authorities themselves to see if there should be a subsidy." The Government also rejects Howell's view that less well-off people will be priced out of local municipal facilities.

The Government wants local authorities to aim at those members of the community who may be unable to pay full market rate

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Dangers to Scots' World Cup hopes

By Roddy Forsyth

Next week's World Cup qualifying draw in Zurich will tell Scotland which countries stand between them and a remarkable fifth successive place in the tournament's finals. Yet, ironically, the very strength of the domestic game may be the greatest obstacle to a celebration in the sun of Italy in 1990.

Despite all the promise shown in the victories over Hungary, Belgium and Bulgaria, Andy Roxburgh, is still only at the formative stages of creating a team which can take its place in the finals.

The national coach, however, is entitled to believe that the absurd setting for Wednesday's game with Luxembourg – a crowd of 2,000 in a village stadium in freezing conditions – made the lamentable standard of play an aberration from the Scottish point of view.

At least, another clean sheet was added to the impressive total achieved under Roxburgh. In 11 games there have been eight shut-outs and since successful football teams are usually built from the back, Roxburgh might have reasonable grounds for cautious optimism.

But while the most recent fixtures produced three victories for Scotland and one draw only three players – Aberdeen's Leighton and Aitken and McStay of Celtic – were present for all four games. The catalogue of withdrawals from each selection has been spectacular.

Roxburgh, whose preparations are thorough, has been frustrated almost to the point of despair by the immense number of withdrawals he has endured since August. It is no secret within the game that some of the supposed injuries were dubious.

Roxburgh yesterday referred to what he called "this terrible disruption." He went on: "It is all very well for people to say that Scotland failed to maintain their progress against Luxembourg. What I would say is that the Scotland team against Luxembourg didn't do as well as the Scotland teams which played against Belgium or Hungary.

"We have to have continuity. It is easy to say that and my predecessor suffered from the same problems, but I would think that in my time it has been even worse."

The lack of charismatic or outstanding figures such as Dalglish or Souness means that Roxburgh must build upon consistency of selection.

He said:"The Scottish team depends upon goodwill. We don't have regulations to enforce it. We don't have anything that backs us up. The goodwill we need must exist between the players and me and between the clubs and the Scottish Football Association.

"The goodwill is there with the players and me, but as far as our organization goes in making sure that we get the best players, things are difficult."

£150,000 in cheers for Cheltenham

Foster's Lager have concluded a three-year sponsorship deal with the owners of Cheltenham racecourse.

The brewers will contribute £150,000 to improvements in the enclosure at the course, including measures to stop the public taking drinks out of bars and into viewing areas. It is hoped this will prevent any repetitions of problems caused by alcohol at some tracks.

The Cheltenham three-day festival accommodates 25,000 racegoers and Captain Miles Gosling, the chairman, said: "Sponsorship already enables Cheltenham to stage the most valuable three days' racing in Britain. We are delighted to welcome Foster's to an imaginative partnership."

● Warthill trainer Mel Brittain was fined £500 by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee yesterday for doubly declaring Glory Gold at Hamilton Park in October. It was Brittain's third double declaration in 12 months.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Williams in form

Rex Williams, who resigned this week as chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, and having little say this season on snooker tournament tables, found his fellow Midlander, Graham Miles, a splendid ally in the third round of the Foster's world doubles championship at Northampton yesterday.

After their opponents, Joe O'Boye and Bob Harris, had won the 40-minute opening frame, Williams and Miles went on to complete a 5-1 victory.

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McEnroe out

Melbourne (Reuter) – John McEnroe has decided not to play in the Australian Open tennis championships, which take place here next month. He had been expected to make his comeback after a two-month suspension.

Graveney: shoulder trouble

Graveney op

The Gloucestershire cricket captain, David Graveney, is recovering from a minor operation on his left shoulder.

Ban threat

Paris (AFP) – The two French rugby clubs involved in the end-of-match brawl which led to the death of a player face expulsion from their regional championship.

Ritz winner

Ian Woosnam has been named the Ritz Club European Golfer of the Month for November – his third monthly award of this year – in recognition of his World Cup victory for Wales with David Llewellyn at Kapalua, Hawaii. Woosnam, who also won the individual title, wins the Ritz Club Charity Trophy, designed and donated by Waterford Crystal, and £1,000 on behalf of the Golf Foundation and £1,000 for the PGA European Tour Benevolent Trust.

Sanderson aid

Tessa Sanderson's bid to retain her Olympic javelin title next year in Seoul is being sponsored by Commodore Business Machines.

Sponsor goes

Prudential are to pull out of sponsoring basketball's national cup competition after this season's final on December 14.

Urgent talks to probe sponsorship

Britain's professional cyclists are to hold an emergency meeting at Stoke-on-Trent on Sunday to discuss the implications of the decision by Percy Bilton, the London construction group, and Birmingham Executive Airways to withdraw their team sponsorship (Peter Bryan writes).

The meeting has been called by John Herety, the riders' representative on the Professional Cycling Association (PCA), who rode for the Percy Bilton team this season.

The move by both companies leaves 10 riders unsponsored. The country's two leading riders in the PCA points table, Mark Walsham, of Sheffield, and Steve Joughin, of Stoke-on-Trent, are both from the Percy Bilton squad.

Only three sponsors have indicated their intention to field full teams next season: Raleigh-Banana, EverReady-Ammaco and Interent-Dawes.

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